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Silent protest vs budget plan

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Priate citizens and government employees will be holding today a silent protest against increased discretionary funding for lawmakers in the face of wage cuts for most employees and shoestring budgets for the college and public schools, among other things.

The silent protest will be at the Legislature on Capital Hill, from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Lawmakers said yesterday that they respect freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly.

Leila Staffler, one of the organizers of the silent protest, said she is a concerned citizen "who wants this government to do the right thing" and hopes that many others will join.

Former representative Tina Sa-

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WATER PROJECT

AIC Marianas Inc. employees work on the Rapogao and Sablan Quarry well fields isolation and water system improvement project on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. This Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Water Task Force project is one of the ongoing constructions on Saipan funded by the federal government.

Guerrero found guilty

»Guilty of DUI, two other traffic offenses
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Businessman and one-time gubernatorial candidate Juan Pan T.

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Superior Court Associate Judge

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BUDGET BREAKDOWN

What agencies get under the budget bill, HB 17-96, HS2

	FTE	Appropriation
Judiciary	74	\$2,972,847
Legislature	203	\$6,269,197
Executive Branch	1,575	\$64,661,959
Rota	310	\$6,256,080
Tinian	251	\$6,256,080
Saipan, Northern Islands	45	\$1,047,585
NMC	138	\$4,601,873
U.S. Apprentice Program	22	\$186,591
MVA	36	\$3,344,991
PSS	1,113	\$29,967,694
Board of Education	3	\$164,328
Boards and Commissions	14	\$539,607
Independent programs	11	\$10,887,677
Other programs	6	\$838,967
	3,801	\$137,995,476

Major agencies

Department of Public Health	485	\$32,430,196
Department of Public Safety	258	\$7,892,401

Source: HB 17-96, HS2

Goodbye Iraq: The last US combat brigade heads home

By REBECCA SANTANA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KHABARI CROSSING, Kuwait (AP)—As their convoy reached the barbed wire at the border crossing out of Iraq on Wednesday, the soldiers whooped and cheered. Then they scrambled out of their stifling hot armored vehicles, unfurled an American flag and posed for group photos.

For these troops of the 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry

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In this Aug. 16, 2010 photo, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Jackie Vanover, from Spanaway, Wash. holds a hand-made message for his family, including his two-month-old daughter, Austin, after crossing the border from Iraq into Kuwait.

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Saipan power totals 57.7 megawatts

» 'Island now has 17MW in reserve'

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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After months of rehabilitation and maintenance work on its power plants, Saipan's power engines are now producing a total of 57.7 megawatts—more than enough to meet the 40 MW needed to power the entire island.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Tony Muña disclosed yesterday that from just about 50 megawatts a few months ago, all power plants on island are now generating a

combined peak of 57.7 MW.

Saipan has three power plants in Lower Base totaling of 21 engines. A few units are not functional right now.

Despite this, Muña said that power plant 1 is now producing 42 MW; power plant 2 generates 6 MW; and power plant 4 produces 9.7 MW.

Saipan Tribune learned that CUC has been recording a peak demand between 35 and 40 MW, which means that Saipan has 17 MW in reserve energy at present.

"If we're dealing with a peak load of about over 40 MW, the available supply we have is pretty much a good number because it means that we have 17 MW reserved for now," said Muña.

He expressed confidence that CUC is now providing its customers reliable power.

"I think our customers are now enjoying a certain degree of stability [when it comes to power]. We thank our customers for their support and prompt payment of their bills, which is important in our efforts to serve

them better," he said.

Although some areas and location are still encountering power outages, Muña said these power interruptions are attributed to factors outside the power plants.

Other power outages, he said, are the result of maintenance work being done by CUC to improve its service.

He said efforts by the central government and autonomous agencies to pay their utility bills were also a factor.

Since the governor's declaration of a state of emergency in June because of power issues, CUC was able to collect on the outstanding bills of its biggest customers like the central government and the Public School System.

"Since the government is paying its bills, we're able to keep up paying for our fuel requirements for now," said Muña.

Muñá said that CUC is determined to meet its customers' demand for a reliable, fair value, and high quality power.

CUC has been in the state of emergency since 2008.

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Public schools pass health sanitary inspections

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All public schools on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian will start classes next month free of any major health and sanitary concerns after passing the Department of Public Health's sanitary inspections.

Bureau of Environmental Health official John Tagabuel confirmed yesterday that the bureau, in collaboration with the Division of Environmental Quality, inspected all 20 public schools and had initially found no major concerns.

"School inspections continue. BEH-DEQ is coordinating with the Head Start program to complete all the school inspection. No major violation was found in the public schools," said Tagabuel.

He said the water laboratory

result, however, is still pending final review.

Health and sanitary inspection is required of both private and public schools before they start classes each year.

Classes in school year 2008 were delayed for two weeks due to some schools' failure to comply with some of the requirements. These schools included Marianas High School, Kagman Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, and Oleai Head Start Center.

The new school year will start on Sept. 7, from kindergarten to 12th grade.

According to Tagabuel, inspection of private schools will follow after the completion of the Head Start centers on three islands.

The BEH is expected to issue findings and recommen-

dations once it completes all inspections.

Under the Commonwealth Environmental Health and Sanitation Act of 2000, a health inspector must visit all schools—public or private, kindergarten through college—and declare the school sanitary before the school is allowed to purchase a permit. Permits are renewed annually. Schools are regularly inspected once or twice a year.

As a procedure, sanitary permit application along with the inspection report will be issued to school administrators on an annual basis. Non-compliance will be dealt with using the same procedures as other regulated establishments: issuance of a verbal warning or warning letter, imposition of late penalty fee, then recommendation for closure.

6.3 earthquake jolts Marianas region anew USGS records 26 temblors in 6 days

An earthquake with a 6.3 magnitude occurred in the Marianas region early yesterday morning.

Emergency Management Office director Jack Omar told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the earthquake was far and very deep so there was no need for EMO to is-

sue a public bulletin.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the earthquake occurred at 2:28am at a depth of 10 kilometers.

Its epicenter was 235 miles west-southwest of Hagatna, Guam, 280 miles west-southwest of Rota, 295 miles north-east of Yap, and 350 miles

southwest of Saipan.

Omar said he is not aware if the temblor was felt in the CNMI or Guam.

Yesterday's earthquake was the 26th that rocked the Mariana Islands region since a 6.9 magnitude temblor first hit last Saturday morning. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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OPA seeks 2 auditors and 2 investigators

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The Office of the Public Auditor is looking for two auditors and two investigators, but is having difficulty filling these vacant positions because of low starting salaries and possible four-day workweek and unpaid holidays in Fiscal Year 2011.

OPA has only 14 staff members, including the public auditor, three senior auditors, and administrative and legal personnel.

However, OPA is allowed to have up to 30 full-time employees and a total of \$2.574 million in funding under the budget bill that the House passed on

Wednesday.

Public Auditor Michael Pai said there is no ideal staff or budget level to discuss right now considering the government's financial situation.

"However, we may be able to hire two auditors and two investigators to fill vacant positions. Staff recruitment is difficult because starting salaries here in the CNMI are low compared to those in the U.S. mainland. Another factor may be the uncertainty job seekers face regarding the CNMI government's possible four-day week and unpaid holidays," he said.

Of the 14 OPA personnel, seven—including three senior auditors—are in the audit unit, and two in the in-

vestigation unit. OPA also has administrative and legal staff, for a total of 14 people.

Pai said the requests for OPA audits and investigations are constant, and they are received through telephone calls, letters, and mostly through the OPA website, www.opacnmi.com.

For FY 2010, OPA has received over 90 requests so far.

"In addition to handling these requests, OPA also monitors all the financial audits conducted on all CNMI government agencies by independent CPA firms, follows up on the implementation of audit recommendations, and reports on the results semiannually," Pai said.

GUERRERO

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Ramona V. Manglona said the prosecution was able to present enough evidence to prove that Guerrero was speeding, was driving under the influence of alcohol, and had refused to take a breathalyzer test.

There was not enough evidence, however, to convict Guerrero of reckless driving, Manglona said.

Guerrero's sentencing will be on Monday at 3pm.

Manglona is expected to issue a written decision.

Assistant attorney general Benjamin Petersburg, who prosecuted the case

with assistant attorney general Russell Lorfing, said the evidence in this case was strong.

"We're pleased with the court's decision," said Petersburg.

Prosecutors called to the stand three witnesses—two police officers and the driver of the pickup truck that Guerrero bumped with his car.

Saipan Tribune tried to get comments from attorney Joey San Nicolas, counsel for Guerrero, but he did not reply to email inquiries as of press time.

According to Petersburg, speeding has a maximum penalty of \$100 fine.

DUI, or driving while under the influence, has a mandatory minimum prison term of three days and a maxi-

mum of one year and a \$1,000 fine.

Refusal to take a breathalyzer test carries a six-month suspension of one's driver's license as penalty.

The accident happened on the evening of March 4, 2010 along Middle Road in Gualo Rai. No one was injured. Both vehicles had slight to moderate damage, police said.

Guerrero testified on Wednesday that he was not drunk when he bumped the vehicle that suddenly exited the Shell Highway Express area.

Guerrero said he even called 911 and volunteered to undergo a sobriety test.

Guerrero was one of four gubernatorial candidates in the November 2009 general election.

PROTEST

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blan and Ed Propst, in separate interviews, said they are joining the silent protest to oppose lawmakers' decision to cut funding for essential public services and agencies, including the Northern Marianas College and the Public School System.

"The Legislature is an office that belongs to taxpayers. ...It's our civic duty to protect taxpayers' interest and to make this government work," Propst said, adding that everyone can join the silent protest since it's going to be held during lunch time.

Sablan said "people are still reeling from disgust and disappointment" with the House passage of the budget bill.

The \$132 million budget bill is now with the Senate after the House passed it on Wednesday.

House Bill 17-96, House Substitute 2 raises each lawmaker's current annual discretionary funding from \$86,796 to \$130,000.

"I am just one of many concerned citizens who want a sane, responsible budget to be passed by our Legislature. A budget that is carefully deliberated on, not rushed to passage despite knowledge about huge errors and omissions, and a budget that prioritizes critical services and paying down the government's obligations and a budget that prioritizes critical services and paying down the government's obligations," Sablan said.

Propst said every election, candidates say "education first" but once elected, they put themselves first.

"The leadership operates on a 'do as a I say, not as I do' policy. ...It doesn't matter if there's going to be five people or 500 people at the silent protest; what's important is that people are organizing and saying they're not going to put up with this kind of leadership

anymore," he said.

House minority leader Diego Benavente's (R-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) and Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said they welcome people's initiative to protest the passage of a budget "that is unbalanced, faulty and gives much less funding to critical services."

"I think the people should speak out adamantly against the legislators' increase in their budget," said Deleon Guerrero, who was among the seven Republicans who voted against the bill.

Speaker speaks out

House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), when asked for comment, said the public should understand that the increase in discretionary funding will be used to operate each lawmaker's office, including the hiring of necessary personnel.

He echoed Rep. Ramon Basa's (Cov-Saipan) statement that the increase in discretionary funding will offset the drastic cut in the leadership account, from the constitutionally mandated \$400,000 to only \$76,000.

The leadership account will have to be divided among eight committees and three officers.

"If the minority members don't want the \$130,000 discretionary funding annually, they don't have to," he said.

Tenorio, a former governor, also said that government employees also have to realize that during these tough economic times, a lot of people are unemployed.

"We're asking for their understanding too. ... I hope that government employees would lobby the Senate to approve my Saipan casino bills because I guarantee them that once these bills are passed, we will immediately see a turnaround in the economy. They would again go back to 80 hours per pay period," he added.

Cuts

The cuts of up to 16 hours per pay period, which will result in a four-day workweek, will affect most government employees.

Exempted will be doctors, nurses, police officers, corrections officers and other essential and federally funded positions.

Also exempted are constitutionally protected positions such as the governor, lieutenant governor, lawmakers, judges and justice.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos have volunteered to cut their salary by 10 percent each.

A female government employee who is earning only \$15,000 a year said she would really be hurt financially if her salary is cut by up to 25 percent, which includes the 16-hour cut and unpaid holidays.

"I don't even know if my boss will fire me. And I may have to apply for food stamp," she said.

Don't throw away bill

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), author of the budget bill, said he's hoping the Senate will not throw away everything that the House Ways and Means Committee worked on in the budget bill.

"I hope the Senate will review the bill and if they have changes, then amend it but not throw away the whole thing," he said.

Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) said the Senate will take its time to review the budget bill.

"If I could have my way, I would recommend that the lawmakers' funding remain the same, and not increase it to \$130,000. I also would like to see that NMC meets its maintenance of effort requirement," he said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial identified a total of \$149.171 million in projected resources for FY 2011. Of this figure, \$132 million is available for government operations.

OPA will also need to do more monitoring in 2011 on how American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds

are being spent and "whether they are being spent in compliance with federal laws and regulations," Pai added.

GOODBYE

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Division, it was a moment of relief fraught with symbolism. Seven years and five months after the U.S.-led invasion, the last American combat brigade was leaving Iraq, well ahead of President Barack Obama's Aug. 31 deadline for ending U.S. combat operations there.

When 18-year-old Spc. Luke Dill first rolled into Iraq as part of the U.S. invasion, his Humvee was so vulnerable to bombs that the troops lined its floor with flak jackets.

Now 25 and a staff sergeant after two tours of duty, he rode out of Iraq this week in a Stryker, an eight-wheeled behemoth encrusted with armor and add-ons to ward off grenades and other projectiles.

"It's something I'm going to be proud of for the rest of my life—the fact that I came in on the initial push and now I'm leaving with the last of the combat units," he said.

He remembered three straight days of mortar attacks outside the city of Najaf in 2003, so noisy that after the firing ended, the silence kept him awake at nights. He recalled the night skies over the northern city of Mosul being lit up by tracer bullets from almost every direction.

Now, waiting for him back in Olympia, Wash., is the "Big Boy" Harley-Davidson he purchased from one of the motorcycle company's dealerships at U.S. bases in Iraq—a vivid illustration of how embedded the American presence has become since the invasion of March 20, 2003.

That presence is far from over. Scatterings of combat troops still await departure, and some 50,000 will stay another year in what is designated as a noncombat role. They will carry weapons to defend themselves and accompany Iraqi troops on missions (but only if asked). Special forces will continue to help Iraqis hunt for terrorists.

So the U.S. death toll—at least 4,415 by Pentagon count as of Wednesday—may not yet be final.

The Stryker brigade, based in Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington state and named for the vehicle that delivers troops into and out of battle, has lost 34 troops in Iraq. It was at the forefront of many of the fiercest battles, including operations in eastern Baghdad and Diyala province, an epicenter of the insurgency, during "the surge" of 2007. It evacuated troops at the battle of Tarmiyah, an outpost where 28 out of 34 soldiers were wounded holding off insurgents.

Before the Aug. 31 deadline, about half the brigade's 4,000 soldiers flew out like most of the others leaving Iraq, but its leadership volunteered to have the remainder depart overland. That decision allowed the unit to keep 360 Strykers in the country for an extra three weeks.

U.S. commanders say it was the brigade's idea, not an order from on high. The intent was to keep additional firepower handy through the "period of angst" that followed Iraq's inconclusive March 7 election, said brigade chief, Col. John Norris.

It took months of preparation to move the troops and armor across more than 500 kilometers (300 miles) of desert highway through potentially hostile territory.

The Strykers left the Baghdad area in separate convoys over a four-day period,

traveling at night because the U.S.-Iraq security pact—and security worries—limit troop movements by day.

Along the way, phalanxes of American military Humvees sat at overpasses, soldiers patrolled the highways for roadside bombs, and Apache attack helicopters circled overhead as the Strykers refueled alongside the highway.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gus McKinney, a brigade intelligence officer, acknowledged that moving the convoys overland put soldiers at risk, but said the danger was less than in past.

The biggest threat was roadside bombs planted by Shiite extremist groups who have a strong foothold in the south, McKinney said.

But except for camels straying into the road, and breakdowns that required some vehicles to be towed, there were no incidents.

The worst of the ride was conditions inside the Strykers—sitting for hours in a cramped space—and the temperatures outside that reached 50 Celsius (120 Fahrenheit).

The driver's compartment is called the "hellhole" because it sits over the engine and becomes almost unbearably hot. The vehicle commander and gunner can sit up in hatches to see the outside world. At the tail end are hatches for two gunners. Eight passengers—an infantry squad in combat conditions—can squeeze in the back.

Riding as a passenger felt a bit like being in a World War II-era submarine—a tight fit and no windows. The air conditioning was switched off to save fuel on the long ride south to Kuwait. Men dozed or listened to music on earphones.

When the convoy finally reached the sandy border, two soldiers, armed and helmeted, jumped off their vehicle and raced each other into Kuwait.

Once out of Iraq, there was still work to be done. Vehicles had to be stripped of ammunition and spare tires, and eventually washed and packed for shipment home.

Meanwhile, to the north, insurgents kept up a relentless campaign against the country's institutions and security forces, killing five Iraqi government employees in roadside bombings and other attacks Wednesday. Coming a day after a suicide bomber killed 61 army recruits in central Baghdad, the latest violence highlighted the shaky reality left by the departing U.S. combat force and five months of stalemate over forming Iraq's next government.

For Dill, who reached Kuwait with an earlier convoy, the withdrawal engendered feelings of relief. His mission—to get his squad safely out of Iraq—was accomplished.

Standing alongside a hulking Stryker, his shirt stained with sweat, he acknowledged the men who weren't there to experience the day with him.

"I know that to my brothers in arms who fought and died, this day would probably mean a lot, to finally see us getting out of here," he said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The 4th Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division was officially designated the last combat brigade to leave Iraq under Obama's plan to end combat operations in Iraq by Aug. 31. Associated Press writer Rebecca Santana joined the troops on their final journey out of the country.*

Public library to close down for 5 days for upgrade

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The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will close down for five days so it could upgrade the library database it uses to register library users and check out, catalog, and archive its books.

The library will be closed from Aug. 24 to 28, said information technology center coordinator Roy Diaz Rechebei.

According to Rechebei, the library's database management program is called Horizon and its vendor is based in Australia. The upgrade requires remote connection to Australia since there will also be a remote up-

grade there, he said.

Rechebei told *Saipan Tribune* the upgrade requires them to close temporarily since the bandwidth or the connection speed should be "completely dedicated" to the process.

"The actual upgrade is like the installation of new software. There can be no interruption on our computers," he explained.

Rechebei said the upgrade is needed since the library is already three versions behind the latest program. The last system upgrade was in 2002.

"We need to stay up to date as much as we can. ... The point here is we make it up to date with the current trend of library

services," he added.

Rechebei said the upgrading process is also connected to the Book Mobile program of the public library.

According to Rechebei, the Book Mobile program uses a different library management system called Koha, a Linux-based database.

"With this upgrade, it's going to allow us to be able to synchronize with the book mobile. The book mobile records will be kept with the main records of the library and we'll be able to keep track of all the books that have been checked out. It will stay up to date with new books and also update on late fees and fines," he said.

Rechebei said the library management is asking the community to bear with

them when they temporarily close the library.

"We are doing this for the benefit of better services to our

patrons. This improved technology will hopefully make our patrons notice that we are up to par with worldwide standards

on library services," he said.

The library will resume regular operating hours on Aug. 31, Tuesday.

2 Rota beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged the Kokomo Beach and Mobil storm drainage on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indi-

cate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

Water samples were taken from 12 marine recreational and storm drainage locations on Rota this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (DEQ)

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By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. admitted yesterday that many of its customers have received inaccurate billings, blaming these incidents on a computer glitch that damaged its records and files.

Executive director Tony Muña told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that CUC has been making internal adjustments to its system in the past several months to make up for this glitch.

"CUC needs to make meter readings of close to 30,000 accounts on a regular basis. Do we get to read them all accurately? The answer is no, because we're being challenged by our computer system that needs to be upgraded," he explained.

"At some point, our system went down and as a result, it delayed the billing process. Many records on file were lost and we recreated the data. Some information were not restored; that forced us to do manual review. That's our challenge now," he added.

Friedle Hubert, one of the agency's customers, had complained about being overcharged when he received in July a billing of \$810.26 for 77 days of power and water consumption. Based on CUC's new billing schedule, customers are billed for 28 to 32 days of consumption.

According to Hubert's complaint letter, he had been paying between \$146 and \$251 every month.

Muña acknowledged the "obvious" error in Hubert's billing and he promised to personally act on the matter.

"If a customer is billed within 77 days, it needs to be reviewed because obviously there's an error. It's not CUC's intention to overbill them. ... We need their cooperation to address the problem immediately," said Muña.

Hubert suggested that CUC publish a simple guideline for their billing practices to help customers.

"Ever since the power troubles started, and the prices went ballistic, we started to write down the meter reading in order to ensure we stay well below 1,000 kilowatts per hour. All of this really begs to question how well communication through the ranks is functioning [at CUC]. One understands the difficulties CUC had and still has, and we should commend Mr. Muna for bringing the corporation back to somewhat normal. Now that he is gone, are we to expect the same old nightmare?" Hubert's complaint letter asked.

1-yr.-old boy nearly drowns near school

A 1-year-old boy nearly drowned as he and family members were swimming at a beach behind San Antonio Elementary School Wednesday afternoon.

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. said yesterday that the boy was kept overnight at the Commonwealth Health Center for observation.

Blas said a doctor found a small amount of water in the boy's lungs.

Blas said that police received a call of a near drowning incident in San Antonio on Wednesday at 2:05pm. Police were told that the victim had already been taken to the hospital.

Preliminary investigation by Boating Safety officer Michael Camacho showed that the victim and family members were swimming when family members noticed the boy floating face down in the water. They picked him up and the victim vomited water.

The boy was taken to the Marianas Medical Center in San Antonio where medics later picked him up and brought him to CHC.

On Aug. 12, a Chinese tourist also nearly drowned while swimming with her two children on Managaha Island. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Dance number caps kids' summer program at library

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REPORTER

Students of the Healthy Ballroom Dance program of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Summer Reading and Cultural Fair program performed a reggae dance number yesterday to showcase what they learned throughout the summer.

The Healthy Ballroom Dance program is a collaboration of the Wise Women Village Project of the Department of Health, the CNMI Library Council, and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Participants had dance lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays from instructors at Rose Dance School which has been the contractor for the Wise Women Village Project

for three years. The instructors were Resty Joson, Eden Quizon, and Allen Cuyugan.

Library executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales said the collaborative project was 'very exciting, meaningful, realistic, and effective.'

According to Gonzales, the project was part of community efforts to raise public education, awareness and outreach "with respect to healthy living, healthy lifestyle choices, and the importance of having fun in everything that we do."

Gonzales said the project also taught students that healthy living could be fun, exciting, and stress-free.

"We hope that with resources

and our innovative ideas, we can continue to tap and access funds to continue to have and offer this program throughout the year, not only during summer, but also as part of after school program," he said.

Dr. Gary Ramsey, medical director of the Wise Women Village Project, said the Healthy Ballroom Dance program served as an activity that students can learn and enjoy at the same time.

"We realized that if we're going to have any impact on current diseases—high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart attack strokes—we have to start with good exercise, start at young age, something they can enjoy and keep doing for a long time," he said.

Last village screening

According to Ramsey, there will no longer be any village screenings under the Wise Women Village Project after the contract of Rose Dance School expires on Aug. 31 unless DPH applies for another grant.

"They haven't decided whether they're going to pursue further funding," said Ramsey.

After serving as medical director for the Wise Women Village Project, Ramsey said he will return to the practice of obstetrics and gynecology, which he said is his first love.

The Wise Women Village Project will have its end of contract celebration on Aug. 27, 6pm at the Garapan Central Park.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 20, 2003

Teno cautions against lowering NMC tuition

A proposal to reduce tuition costs at the Northern Marianas College should be carefully studied as it might "jeopardize" operations of the island's sole higher learning institution, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio said yesterday. He said NMC has to provide information on potential financial impact of such a plan to see what his administration can do to assist students who might be forced to drop out in view of cutback in government educational assistance. "I don't want to comment at this time until I get all the information and find out the reason behind it because by lowering the tuition, it will also jeopardize the education of the individual," Tenorio said in an interview.

House committee wraps up budget hearing

Now that it has heard requests for higher spending level from several departments and agencies, the powerful House Ways and Means Committee is expected to draw up a final budget proposal which will oil government operations for FY 2000. While committee chair Rep. Karl T. Reyes does not rule out the possibility that some government offices would get a bigger slice of the estimated \$206 million revenues of the Commonwealth, that still hinges whether the local coffers improve within the next months. He said the appeals for more funding by critical agencies are "legitimate," but it still rests with the Legislature whether it would decrease allotment to other offices to address their immediate needs.

Aug. 20, 2001

Teno names four to MVA board

Four nominees to the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority are up for consideration at the Senate, after three Board members ended their terms of office last July 31. Three of those nominated by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio were end-of-term Board members-Rita Manglona, Marian Aldan-Pierce and David M. Sablan-while the fourth nominee is intended to replace one of the outgoing members who has decided not to continue serving with the Board. In a letter addressed to Senate President Paul A. Manglona, Tenorio nominated anew outgoing board members Manglona to represent Tinian, Aldan-Pierce to represent Saipan, and Sablan to represent Carolinians. If confirmed by the Senate, they would each serve three-year term.

OPA cites weaknesses in '99 lottery operations

Government revenues from lottery operations in the fourth quarter of 1999 have been understated, according to an August 15, 2001 audit report submitted by the Office of Public Auditor to Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio. In the report's findings, Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan wrote that: "Our audit showed that DOF (Department of Finance) balances in the lottery bank and revenue accounts for September 30, 1999 were not accurately stated because some transactions were not recorded in the proper accounting period." The OPA audit noted that a computation error on the part of one lottery operator resulted in the understating of government revenue by \$216, when the correct figure was supposed to be \$172,659 instead of \$172,443. "This occurred because Operator A computed government revenues from one of the on-line games using a 26.5 percent compensation rate instead of the required minimum 35 percent," Sablan said in the report.

Aug. 20, 2002

Funding woes stop PCB soil treatment

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers temporarily stopped the treatment of PCB-laced soil in Tanapag due to fund shortage, leaving the contractors waiting until the Corps obtains additional money for the project through appropriations for the next fiscal year. John Trela, project manager of the Army Corps' contractor, the Environmental Chemical Corporation, told the Saipan Tribune they would remain on stand-by until the Corps directs them to resume treatment operations. Trela said the ECC halted operations last August 11, after completing the treatment of some 20,750 tons. The Army Corps confirmed this in a press statement. This was the volume agreed to be treated by the ECC when the Corps contracted the firm to treat the PCB-contaminated soil.

PSS may buy 40 new buses

The House of Representatives gave the thumbs up to a bill that authorizes the Public School System to borrow up to \$4.2 million so it could buy 40 new school buses. During yesterday's session, the lower chamber voted 16-0 to pass House Bill 13-176, which provides the legislative mechanism for the PSS to borrow money from a financing institution so it could modernize its busing system-one that meets the U.S. Federal Highway Safety Standards. The buses would be for all students in the public and private elementary and secondary schools throughout the Commonwealth, including those students with special requirements.

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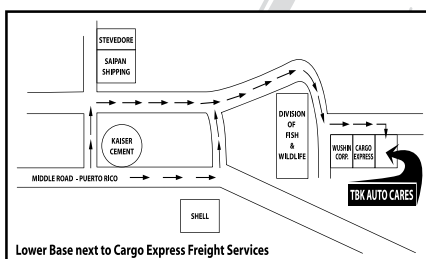
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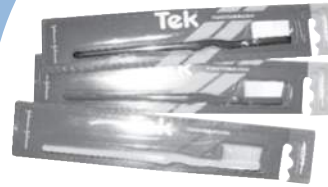
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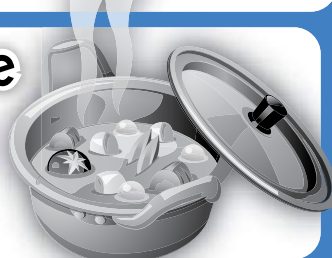
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The US can't afford unilateral military moves abroad

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America began the new millennium with optimism and confidence. Today, two recessions and two wars later, the optimism is weakened and the confidence is waning. U.S. military spending has risen to nearly half the global total, but the U.S. share of global output is eroding steadily as other economies grow faster.

An assessment by the National Intelligence Council in November 2008 warned that the continuing transfer of wealth from the United States and other Western nations to East Asia is "without precedent in modern history." U.S. trade and budget deficits in this decade have also been unprecedented, with the federal government borrowing more than 40 cents of every dollar it spends.

In such circumstances, claims that America is the sole surviving superpower sound increasingly hollow. Experts can debate what role defense spending has played in this decline, but what is beyond dispute is Washington's waning ability to sustain military outlays at current levels.

There are a number of near-term steps the Obama administration can take to reduce the burden of military spending, such as winding down the U.S. presence in Iraq and Afghanistan and cutting outlays on unneeded weapons. Defense Secretary Robert Gates estimates that cuts he made last year will reduce planned weapons outlays by \$330 billion, and now he has launched a campaign to slash support costs.

Force levels will need to be cut too, because the cost of military pay and benefits has risen to a point at which the affordability of the all-volunteer force is in doubt. This will provoke a bitter political debate, given the sacrifices U.S. troops have been asked to make in this decade. Yet with a \$1.47-trillion federal deficit, the government is spending \$4 billion it does not have each day, and our forces must shrink. This is particularly true because, as Gates has noted, after Iraq and Afghanistan, we will not do nation-building under fire again.

The big question for policymakers is not whether defense spending will be cut—that is inevitable—but how global security will be maintained as the U.S. role diminishes. Since World War II, the United States has played a central part in preventing wars and protecting vital areas such as the industrial centers of northeast Asia and the oilfields of the Middle East.

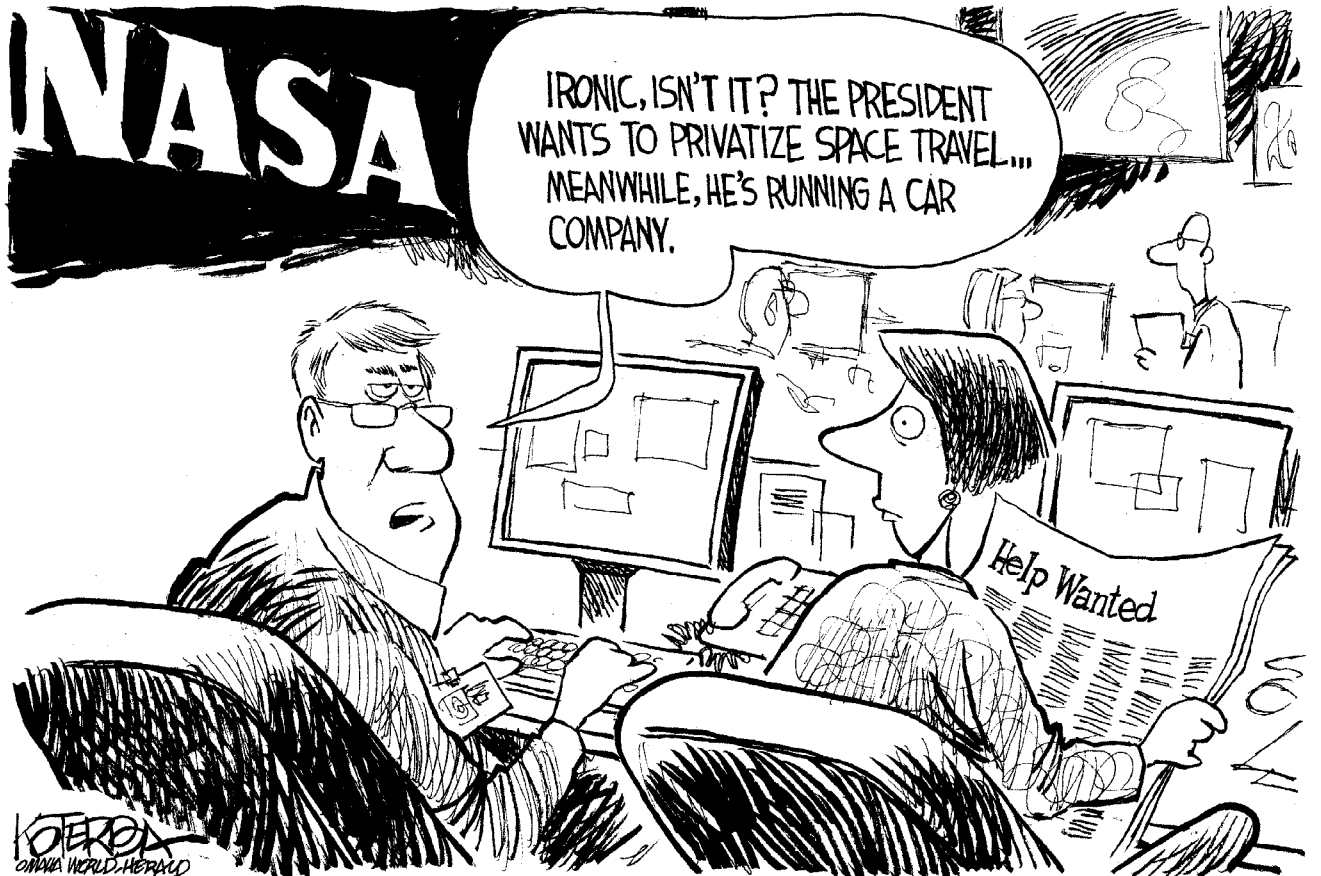
Now Washington must become more selective in its commitments, even as threats grow more diverse. It appears the only way this can be accomplished without encouraging aggression is to expect more of allies and friends. In other words, countries such as Germany, Japan and India must help fill the strategic vacuum created by America's retreat.

The Obama administration does not concede that America is in retreat, but it has fashioned a National Security Strategy that is well suited to current trends. The strategy emphasizes the importance of allies and "newly emerging partners" in accomplishing shared defense goals, and commits the United States to helping partners do more for their own defense, especially in coping with terrorism and insurgencies.

This is a sensible approach given the fact that allies will usually have more "forward presence" overseas than U.S. forces can muster, and typically will understand the cultural context of local conflicts better. But there are some steps that Washington needs to take so that partners can take on roles now beyond America's means.

For example, the Pentagon needs to build weapons that are affordable and appropriate for its partners. Nobody can afford the new \$3 billion destroyer the Navy has developed—Gates canceled the program—but many countries can afford the faster, more agile

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Bill Clinton is back, and Obama might need him

Bill Clinton has long contradicted F. Scott Fitzgerald's dictum that "there are no second acts in American lives." By now, he's probably on his twelfth.

First he was the amiable rogue governor (nicknamed "Elvis") who liked Big Macs and Gennifer Flowers, then he was The Comeback Kid, the Great Empathizer, the liberal novice-in-chief, the born-again centrist, the sinner-in-chief, the word parser, the survivor, the pariah, the global statesman, the Hillary fighter who seemed to be off his meds ... and now, another act: Democratic surrogate-in-chief on the '10 campaign trail.

Yes, Elvis is back in the building, back in the party's good graces after those divisive '08 intramurals, and the ironies are thicker than the August air.

As evidenced this past week in Pennsylvania, where he stumped for Senate aspirant Joe Sestak and a swing-district House candidate, and as evidenced in appearances from Maine to Florida, Clinton is lending his rhetorical talents to the Obama team in the hopes of salvaging the new president's imperiled congressional majorities. He's warning, of course, that a Republican takeover would return us to the bad old days of Bush, but his broader aim is to harken back to the relative innocence of the peaceful, prosperous, pre-Bush 1990s—back when he was president, when "20 million jobs" were being created, when the budget was in the black.

The mind reels. Confident that he has weathered the previous eras of Clinton fatigue, Clinton in 2010 (now nicknamed "the Big Dog") is essentially trying to save Obama's majorities by stoking Clinton nostalgia. Which is fascinating, given the fact that Obama, the intended beneficiary, spent so much of 2008 dumping all over the Clinton presidency and insinuating that Clinton's tenure was not worthy of nostalgia.

Here was Obama, in the winter of '08: "Ronald Reagan changed the trajectory of America in a way that Richard Nixon did not, and in a way that Bill Clinton did not." Here was Obama, several months later: "For far too long, through both Democratic and Republican administrations, the system has been rigged against everyday Americans by the lobbyists that Wall Street uses to get its way." Moreover, small-town jobs "have been gone now for 25 years and nothing's replaced them. And they fell through the Clinton administration and the Bush administration."

Those passages might strike the average layman as mild, but, in political terms, Obama might just as well have cracked a beer bottle over Bubba's head. He was basically suggesting that Clinton in some respects was no better than Nixon or Bush, that Clinton had sucked up to the special interests and betrayed working folks as badly as any Republican. Obviously, Clinton didn't like being critiqued this way by someone he viewed as an interloper, which helps explain why he soon dissed Obama as a Jesse Jackson niche candidate and derided Obama's anti-Iraq record as a "fairy tale."

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But that was then. Today the Obama camp is happy to let Clinton repair and burnish his reputation however he sees fit. If Clinton wants to boast about 20 million new jobs, that's fine—even though a decent case can be made (economists and historians have made it to me) that Clinton embraced fiscal responsibility in part because he was forced to cut deals with a Republican Congress, and that he basically let the good times roll by riding a jobs boom prompted by the computer revolution. If Clinton's nostalgia tour can somehow rouse Democratic voters from their current torpor—well, that's fine, too, because, after all, nothing else seems to be working. And he seems welcome everywhere.

One decade ago, Clinton was thought to be so damaged by the impeachment crisis that the Al Gore campaign wanted him to stump only in places populated by his most loyal followers (namely, blacks); among culturally conservative Democrats scandalized by his sex with an intern, he was thought to be poison. But he cleared the latter hurdle during the '08 primaries, when Hillary, with his help, ran strong in the white, small-town enclaves. Last spring, he stumped in central Pennsylvania for the Democrat who wound up winning the late John Murtha's seat; the Republicans should've won that race, and Clinton deserved some of the credit for foiling them.

Clinton today is indeed more welcome than Obama in rural white swing districts—buoyed, no doubt, by the fact that ex-presidents often gain popularity simply because they don't have to make the unpopular decisions anymore. (He's ranked higher than Obama in the latest Gallup poll.) And one particular American disease—that would be amnesia—helps Clinton as well. Nobody seems to remember, for instance, that he signed a string of cheesy pardons as his tenure waned, notably pardoning a convicted criminal, investor Marc Rich, whose wife had donated lavishly to the future Clinton library.

But even though Clinton can apparently stump anywhere today, he has been tweaking the White House in his own inimitable way. He has been mainly campaigning for Democrats who had endorsed his wife's presidential bid, and even though Obama was backing incumbent senator Michael Bennet in Colorado's divisive Democratic primary, Clinton endorsed challenger Andrew Romanoff.

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The bytes of August

Many people in the Commonwealth are dependent on computers, but they don't have a lot of money to throw at them when things go wrong. That's a vulnerable situation. One way around the vulnerability is to take some sort of active, hands-on interest in your computer's security. August is a good month to contemplate this, since nothing good ever happens to me in August. So it's a good time to be paranoid. It suits my mood.

Anyway, here's a six-pack of observations:

1). Some trivia that might win you a cold one at a Saipan happy hour: Windows XP has 62 percent of the market. Windows 7 is a distant second with just 14 percent, though it is, of course, growing. That's according to data from Netmarketshare.com.

2). Speaking of XP, last week I mentioned a little trick to create a Limited User Account in order to make your online forays safer. After you do that, the next time your computer boots up it will let you choose which user account to use. If you plan to go online, the whole idea here is to use the limited account instead of your normal account.

You can switch back and forth between user accounts whenever your whim desires by clicking on the "Start" icon in the lower left corner of the screen. You'll get an icon that says "Log Off." After you click that, you get another menu, "Switch User" or "Log Off."

Choosing "Switch User" will keep the live account's session sort of dormant until you come back; your documents and programs remain open, so the next time to log into this account you're instantly back in business.

By contrast, choosing the "Log Off" option will close out your

session under that account, and will close the programs and documents you were using. It's a fun way to lose your work if you're not careful to save it first.

Some programs are more cooperative than others when it comes to being used in limited accounts. There's no need to get all crazy about it, though: As long as you can get online using the account, it's serving its most essential purpose.

One thing you'll notice is that programs will usually try to save files in different places when you are using different user accounts. Sometimes I resort to saving files to flash media (e.g. an SD card) so when I switch user accounts I can easily find the file I've been working on.

3). If you use the Firefox web browser, added security can be had via an application called NoScript. It's free. Go to NoScript.net.

4). Most of you, probably 99 percent, have Adobe Flash installed on your computers. Some experts see security vulnerabilities with it. You might want to research it a bit and draw your own conclusions.

5). If you haven't heard of Steve Gibson, well, this guy is worth knowing about. Gibson and Leo Laporte (a popular tech pundit) create a weekly podcast called "Security Now!"

Gibson's site is GRC.com. More on that in a second.

As for the podcast, Gibson really does it right. He posts two MP3 versions of each show; a high-quality version (typical size, about 40MB) if you're fat for bandwidth, and a lower-quality version (typical size, about 10MB) in case you're using the coconut telegraph.

A rising tide of Nativism washes over US

Two millennia ago, an itinerant young Galilean teacher with a fondness for parables told one of his audiences that no sensible person ever would pour new wine into old wineskins. The skins, after all, would burst, and ruin would follow.

It's an apt metaphor for this increasingly frenzied and foolish moment in our history. Rising tides of anti-Muslim hysteria and animosity toward undocumented immigrants, most of whom are Latinos (the bitter new wine), have conjoined and are forcing us toward an eerie recapitulation of the Nativist movements (the dreary old skin) that roiled our nation's national and state politics for more than 120 years. Ever since 9/11, a sensible rejection of Salafism and other variants of politicized Islamic neo-fundamentalism has been given way in many quarters to a generalized antipathy to Islam itself. Step by step, that prejudice is migrating into the political mainstream, a process that has accelerated with the controversy over a proposed Islamic study center a few blocks from Ground Zero.

Last week, for example, Bryan Fischer, director of issue analysis at the American Family Association, wrote that First Amendment guarantees of religious freedom do not apply to Muslims and that no more mosques should be constructed anywhere in America. As he told a reporter for a leading political website (talkingpointsmemo.com), every single mosque is a potential terrorist training center or recruitment center for jihad and thus "you cannot claim First Amendment protections if your religious organization is engaged in subversive activities."

Fischer is hardly a figure from the fringe. He will be speaking at next month's Values Voter Summit—his organization is one of the event's sponsors—along with GOP presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Speaking of plots, Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, continues to insist that the 14th Amendment, which grants citizenship to those born in the United States, should be repealed because jihadists are sneaking across our borders and having children, who they then take back abroad to be trained as terrorists but who one day will re-enter the country as citizens bent on our violent destruction. The FBI says there is no evidence to support this claim, but on CNN last week, the former judge compared himself to Winston Churchill warning his countrymen against Adolf Hitler's rise.

There were vulgar Nativist firebrands from the 1840s forward who indulged in hysteria about Catholic and, later, Jewish and Orthodox Christian immigrants. More influential, and insidious, were

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what might be called "reasonable Nativists," like the otherwise admirable John Quincy Adams, who were too fastidious for overt bigotry but argued more in sorrow than in anger that immigrants who believed what Catholics believe simply couldn't be assimilated into the United States because their fundamental beliefs were foreign to our values.

Obviously, if you really thought the millions of Catholic immigrants pouring into the United States lived their lives in full conformity to every papal tic and dictate, there was reason for concern. In fact, Catholic parishes across the country, particularly under Irish-born pastors, became powerful educational forces, inculcating American notions of middle-class respectability into new immigrants. Patriotism was preached from those pulpits far more often than any papal bull. Similarly, recent studies have shown that young American Muslims whose families are formally affiliated with a mosque are far less likely to flirt with any form of radicalism than those without that connection.

The notion is ludicrous that the legions of Americans who profess Islam and go about their daily lives exactly like the rest of us somehow are hanging on the latest fatwa from some benighted Wahhabi imam back in the Middle East.

So too the movement to repeal or gut the 14th Amendment. It's little recalled today, but from its inception in the Alien and Sedition Acts, Nativism has sought to alter the legal terms of citizenship. Throughout the 19th century, states attempted to pass similar measures, attaching different times and conditions to full citizenship. Though it's fashionable in the current debate to assert that the 14th Amendment was conceived simply to guarantee the rights of freed slaves, serious constitutional historians point out that it also was intended to impose one uniform standard of citizenship.

Nativism was one of our history's most painful chapters. Reliving it would be torture.

publican opposition. And, unless the convention wisdom is egregiously wrong, Obama's party will cede control of Congress in November, just as Clinton was jolted in 1994.

Clinton survived as president by tacking to the center and cutting deals with the GOP. Obama might have to follow suit, assuming that the next crop of Republicans have any interest in dealing. Obama won the '08 Democratic nod in part by minimizing the Clinton legacy, but he may be forced by circumstances to plumb that legacy for tips on how to write his crucial second act. He could do worse.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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He also posts transcripts of the podcasts in three formats: Text, HTML, and PDF. The podcast archives are well-organized and you can scroll through them easily.

Visiting his site is a bit of an Easter egg hunt. It's worth poking around to gather some of the goodies, most of which are applications that Gibson provides for free. There are ways to test your security (e.g. "Leaktest") and utilities to help tweak your computer (e.g. "Shoot the Messenger.") Hint: Clicking on the "Services" and the "Freeware" tabs on the navigation menu will get you to most of the juicy stuff.

6). I will close with a cynical note: The benefits of the Web were front-loaded and obvious, but the costs are murkier, more abstract, and are only now beginning to show themselves with an occasional news story or scandal. And if some horrible disaster ever boils up out of it, throwing the world into a tizzy, I know when it will hit:

In August, of course.

Letters to the Editor

Sablan Top Line!

Committed and diligent job performance is always the order of the day by Ms. Lisa Sablan Tenti, the owner and president of Sablan Top Line Cleaning agency. One of their good examples is the way they handle the task at CHC. Spotlessly clean!

Ms. Lisa Sablan's company is to be commended for going further than just doing a great job. Her recent donation of 200 brand new bedsheets to CHC is an awesome show of giving back to the community her appreciation for being a partner for the betterment of our island. As expressed by Mr. Kevin Villagomez, CHC is blessed with the new bedsheets. Sablan Top Line Cleaning Agency is the kind. *En fin serafin!*

Alexandro "The Colonel" Sablan

Dandan, Saipan

Thank you CNMI

Yvonne, Yvette, my wife, and I want to thank the entire CNMI for the outpouring of support and appreciation for our twin daughters. We have just been overrun with congratulations and appreciation for the entire CNMI community. The Athletics Association, the media, family, friends and people throughout the community have all contributed to show their sincere appreciation for Yvonne's and Yvette's accomplishments that has truly touched our family. Your support has truly served to encourage our daughters to run even faster and to do even more to put the CNMI on the international and world stage in track & field. Thank you so much from the proud parents of Yvonne and Yvette Bennett

Ambrose M. Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

THE US

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Littoral Combat Ship. Similarly, the \$150-million price tag on the Air Force's twin-engine F-22 fighter is too high for allies, but if the single-engine F-35 can be fielded for less than half that cost, it will have major export potential.

The White House has already embarked on a series of initiatives to engage allies in more robust security roles while loosening the export restrictions that impeded arming them. These steps may have trade benefits for America, but their real significance is that America's eroding economic might makes unilateralism too costly to be feasible. Washington needs to help overseas friends play a bigger security role so it can concentrate on rebuilding its economy.

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Obama's man won that primary on Tuesday night, which goes to show that sometimes the Big Dog's bark is worse than his bite.

The thing is, these guys are alike in several key respects. Both launched their presidencies with great ambition, and with Democrats in control of both congressional chambers. Both suffered big setbacks in their rookie seasons; both inspired feverish Re-

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 78

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲ 58 ▼ 54
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 64
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 59 ▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 80
New York	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 68
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 94 ▼ 77
Paris	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 62
Pusan	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Rome	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 69
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 59 ▼ 53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 74
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▼ 79
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 74

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
3:00 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
10:56 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
9:29 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:24 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends northeastward from an upper-level low centered over the northern CNMI at 18N146E to another low at 22N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found across Guam and the CNMI in an area bounded by a line from 12N145E to 19N155E to 23N150E to 17N140E back to 12N145E and north of a line north of Wake extending from 25N160E to 20N164E to 25N171E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and south of Yap between 3N and 10N from 131E to 142E over Chuuk between 4N and 9N from 148E to 156E and across the Marshalls within 100 miles of a line extending from 5N167E to 9N172E to 6N180.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Today	3:25 PM	2:01 AM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM	Saturday	4:11 PM	2:54 AM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM	Sunday	4:53 PM	3:46 AM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM	Monday	5:32 PM	4:36 AM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM	Tuesday	6:09 PM	5:24 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 16, 2010											
DEPARTURES						ARRIVALS					
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM						GUAM-ROTA (ROP)					
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5			C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7		
SAIPAN-GUAM						GUAM-SAIPAN					
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily			C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily		
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily			C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily		
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7			C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily		
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily			C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7		
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily			C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily		
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily			C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily			DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily		
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily			DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily		
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily			DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-NAGOYA						NAGOYA-SAIPAN					
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily			DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)						OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN					
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily			OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily		
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5			OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1			OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX		
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX			OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7			OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6			FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-BEIJING						BEIJING-SAIPAN					
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5			CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1	4, 7		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN			OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7		
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM			DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT		
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT			C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM		
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM			OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau			PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM			C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau		
						C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG						HONG KONG-SAIPAN					
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN			OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN		
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM			OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
						C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM		
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Airline				ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline				ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota						FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily				
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily			FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily				
Rota-Saipan						FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily				
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily			FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily				
Guam-Rota						FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily				
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily			FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily				
Rota-Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily			FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily				
Saipan-Rota						Tinian-Saipan							
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily			FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily				
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily			FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily				
Saipan-Rota						FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily				
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily			FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily				
Rota-Guam						FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily				
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily			FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily				
Saipan-Tinian						FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily				
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily			FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily				
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily			FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily				
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily			FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily				
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily			FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily				
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily			FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily			FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily				

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Luncheon fundraiser for NMI delegates to Guam arts fair

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Councils for Arts and Culture will hold a fundraising luncheon to subsidize the delegation of local artists that will be flown to Guam to participate in the Guam Micronesian Fair slated for October.

This year's Guam Micronesian Fair will take place at the Ypao beach from Oct. 15 to 17.

Arts in education and festival coordinator Parker Yobei told *Saipan Tribune* that the luncheon fundraiser will be held on Aug. 27, 11:30am to 2:00pm at the Saipan Azucena Rooms I and II of the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

The luncheon costs \$20 per head.

According to Yobei, the Arts Council regularly sends an artist delegation to participate in Guam's counterpart of the Flame Tree Arts Festival.

"It's a very good opportunity for our artists to promote their art, meet new people and off-island customers," said Yobei.

Arts Council executive di-

rector Angel S. Hocog said the Guam Micronesian Fair is also an opportunity to promote the CNMI and its culture.

With the current economic crisis in the CNMI government, Yobei said they would have to do a fundraiser to enable them to send 30 artists to Guam.

For those who want to join the Guam Micronesian Fair, Yobei said registration is now open on a first come, first served basis for 30 visual and traditional CNMI artists.

Participants must be registered CNMI artists with the Arts Council, added Yobei.

Arts exhibit

Registration is also ongoing for participants in the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit slated for next month.

Yobei said the exhibit, which will run from Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, is open to all registered and non-registered artists in the CNMI who want to showcase and sell their arts and crafts.

The exhibit is also open to art collectors, said Yobei. Deadline for registration is Aug. 27.

Only six artists have so far

registered for the exhibit. According to Yobei, a number of artists have confirmed their participation but have yet to register and bring their artworks.

"The exhibit is an opportunity for the artists to be recognized and for the public to enjoy and appreciate different kinds of arts and crafts," he said.

Yobei also urged local artists who are not yet registered to visit the Arts Council and register as an artist.

For more information, contact the Arts Council at 322-9982 or 83.

Tribute

Yobei said this year's Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit is dedicated to the late Dr. Mau Pius Pailug, the legendary traditional Micronesian navigator.

Pailug passed away on July 12 on his home island of Satawal, state of Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia. He was 78.

Pailug was well-known for having navigated the Hokule'a, a Polynesia double-hulled voyaging canoe, in the 2,500-mile

journey from Hawaii to Tahiti on its maiden voyage in 1976.

Yobei said archives, articles and video footage of Pailug will be featured during the monthlong exhibit.

According to Yobei, the Arts Council and its board of directors will present a resolution to honor Pailug at the opening of the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit on Sept. 1.

Sobriety checkpoints on Saturday, Sunday

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Saipan this Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, 2010.

The first setup will be held on Saturday on Chalan Pale Arnold in Gualo Rai across the Safety First System building, on the southbound outer lane, from 10pm to 11:30pm.

The second setup will be early Sunday morning, along Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Garapan in front of the CNMI Museum on the southbound outer lane, from 1:30am to 2:45am.

On Sunday, the first checkpoint will be along Beach Road Chalan Laulau, on the northbound lane, by Dr. Kaipat's residence, from 5:30pm to 6:45pm.

The second setup will be along Beach Road Garapan, in front of the Kristo Rai Church

on the northbound lane, from 7pm to 8:15pm.

Each checkpoint conducted will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) at each location.

Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, and aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities.

Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

This activity is part of the "Impaired Driving National Enforcement Crackdown" and supports the Department of Public Safety's efforts to deter, detect, and apprehend impaired motorists and to ensure that all vehicle occupants are protected.

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CRIMES OF THE WEEK**Wanted: Suspected drug dealer**

The Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigative Bureau and Crime Stoppers are seeking the community's assistance for information on a wanted person, Yu Qun, a 44-year-old Chinese national who is a suspected drug peddler.

The Drug Enforcement Task Force was conducted a drug operation in Gualo Rai on Aug. 4 and had tried to arrest Yu, also known as Papasang, on scene but he eluded police by escaping in a white Land Cruiser.

The car backed up, hit a police car, and escaped, driving recklessly on the highway. Police pursued the suspect north toward Sadog Tasi where the car turned and drove south on Middle Road at high speed. The pursuit ended with the suspect's car crashing into a tree in the village of Chalan Kiya.

**Yu Qun**

Yu eluded arrest by running into the boonies. He is still at large and his car was impounded.

The suspect is described as a Chinese male, about 5'6" to 5'8" tall, 150-170 lbs in weight, black hair with brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a white shirt, blue jeans, tennis shoes and a baseball cap. If spotted, do not attempt to apprehend him. Call 911. He is considered armed and dangerous.

String of burglaries at Parks and Recreation

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on several crimes committed at the Department of Lands & Natural Resources' Division of Parks & Recreation Office in As Perdido, which was burglarized three times in last two months.

On June 14, 2010 thieves broke into the office using a

crowbar and stole a hedge trimmer worth some \$300. The trimmer was recovered a few days later when an office staff noticed the equipment hidden in shrub plants within the DPR compound.

On July 4, and 26, 2010, the Parks and Recreation office was burglarized again. This time, 10 bush cutters (six Kawasaki TH-

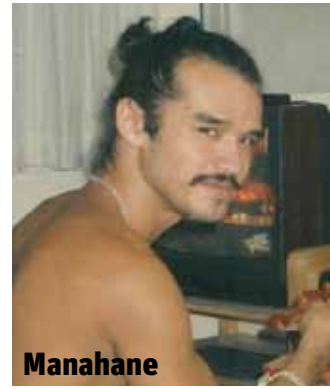
43 and four Kawasaki TD-40), two cases of 2 cycle oil, and four spools of trimmer line were stolen. The total value of the stolen items is estimated to be at about \$5,000.

Missing person: John Manahane of Tinian

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on any person(s) involved in the disappearance

of John Franklin Garcia Manahane, age

30. Manahane was reported missing on the island of Tinian back in September 2005. After several attempts to locate him, a missing persons report was filed. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered that Manahane was last seen on the island of Tinian, some-

**Manahane**

time in the month of July or August, 2004.

It is believed that foul play may have been involved in Manahane's disappearance. He is described as being 5'9" tall, and approximately 130 lbs. Manahane was 25 years old when he was reported missing.

Missing person: Manuel Dela Cruz of Tinian

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for in-

formation on the disappearance of Manuel Dela Cruz of Marpo Valley, Tinian. Family members reported Dela Cruz missing on Sept. 30, 2000.

An islandwide search on the island was conducted, which lasted a couple of weeks and he was never located. Dela Cruz was last seen at about 3am, on Sept. 30, 2000. He was wearing black Levis pants, a white polo shirt with black print and a red Chicago Bulls baseball cap. Dela Cruz is described as 5'2" tall, and about 104 lbs in weight. Dela Cruz was 79 years old at the time he was reported missing.

The Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigative Bureau and Crime Stoppers remain hopeful to gain information from anyone who may be aware of the disappearance of Dela Cruz in an effort to re-open this cold case file. (PR)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sobriety checkpoints on Rota

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Rota on Aug. 20, 21, 22, and Sept. 4, 2010.

■ Aug. 20: Along San Francisco Highway Tachog by the Northern Marianas College, from 9pm to 10:15pm.

■ Aug. 21: Along San Francisco Highway Ugis area, from 8pm to 9:45pm.

■ Aug. 22: Along San Francisco Highway by Teteto Beach, from 7:30pm to 8:15pm.

■ Sept. 4, 2010: Along San Francisco Highway Uyulan area, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) at each location. Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrol, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities. For more information, contact officers Jarrod T. Manglona or Tito S. Hocog at 532-9433. (DPS)

Swinging 60's Club 200 on Oct. 23

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter will host its 22nd annual Club 200 dinner and raffle on Oct. 23 at the Fiesta Resort and Spa, featuring a Swinging '60s theme. Guest are encouraged to wear their favorite '60s clothes including peace signs and flowers in your hair. The evening will feature great music and videos of the '60s as well as a special time capsule raffle and silent auction.

The raffle will include a grand prize of \$15,000 cash as well as airline tickets, vacation trips and many other fantastic prizes.

Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased from any Red Cross ticket seller or by calling the NMI Chapter at 234-3459. Co-chairs this year are Bob Coldeen, Jocelyn DeLeon Guerrero, and Ta Bun Kuy. (PR)

Int'l Coastal Cleanup this September

Join the entire Commonwealth for the 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup on Sept. 24, Friday, or Sept. 25, Saturday.

To sign-up for the event, complete the sign-up sheet and fax it to Rachel Zuercher, Coastal Resources Management, at 664-8315. For more information, call 664-8305 or email - rachel.zuercher@crm.gov.mp

DEQ will retrieve and properly dispose of the trash and recycling collected from the cleanup on Saipan. (PR)

ChaCha Ocean View student orientation

The ChaCha Ocean View Junior High School will be having an orientation for 6th grade students on Sept. 2, 2010, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the cafeteria. For 7th and 8th grade students, orientation will be on Sept. 3, 2010, from 9:30 to 10:30am in the cafeteria. Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4400 if you have any question or comments. (PR)

Student orientation at Saipan Southern High

Saipan Southern High School will be holding a new student orientation for freshmen (9th grade) students on Aug. 26. Freshman only: 9am-11am morning session or 1pm-3pm afternoon session. All other new students (upper classmen grades 10th, 11th, 12th) will have their orientation on Aug. 27, 9am-11am morning session only.

Should you have questions call the SSHS principal directly at 670-237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 670-664-4000. (SSHS)

Kagman Elementary calendar of activities

This is to inform students, teachers, parents, and guardians of Kagman Elementary School of the following back-to-school events:

- Sept. 1: School Level Professional Development Day. All teachers report to school at 7:30am.
- Sept. 2, School Level Professional Development Day
- Sept. 3: General school orientation for parents and students at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria.

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Classroom orientation for parents and students at 2pm-4:30pm in the following grade level classes:

- ◆ Kinder AM and PM parents/student classroom orientation in Room D101
- ◆ 1st grade, parents/student classroom orientation in D102
- ◆ 2nd grade, parents/student classroom orientation in E101
- ◆ 3rd grade, parents/student classroom orientation in E112
- ◆ 4th grade, parents/student classroom orientation in F108
- ◆ 5th grade, parents/student classroom orientation in C103
- Sept. 7, first day of school for all students:
 - ◆ Kinder AM, 7:30-11am
 - ◆ Kinder PM, 11:15am-2:15pm
 - ◆ 1st-5th grade, 7:30am-2:15pm

Free removal of junk cars in Precinct 2

The Saipan Mayor's Office is currently removing junk cars in the Precinct 2 area for free. Precinct 2 residents who want their junk cars removed may call the office of Rep. Ray Palacios at 664-8923 or Rep. Ralph Demapan at 664-8899. (PR)

Chamber sets delegate debate

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Washington delegate debate on Oct. 13, 2010, at 6pm, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's Hibiscus Hall. Special advance-purchase price for Chamber members: two tickets for \$15. Regular advance purchase price: \$10 per person, \$5 per student (with valid student ID). (PR)

Veterans Town Hall meeting today

There will be a Veterans Town Hall meeting today, Aug. 20, 2010, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Dr. James Hastings, director for VA Pacific Health, along with others from VA Health, Benefits, and Vet Center will be on hand to answer questions. Also joining the meeting is U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan. There will also be two orientation at the MH II building, 2nd floor, Marina Heights Plaza (future

site for VA clinic). First orientation starts at 9:30-10:30am and second will start at 1:30-4:30pm.

For more information, call Ruth at 664-2650 or visit the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at building 1364, Capital Hill. (PR)

Veterans' outreach in the CNMI

Tina San Augustine, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs public contact and outreach specialist for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan on Aug. 23-27, 2010, for a veterans outreach on veterans' federal benefits. She will also be entertaining questions and assisting with claims.

■ Rota: Aug. 23, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the Mayor's Office conference room

■ Tinian: Aug. 24-25, 8:30am-4:30pm, at the Tinian Municipal Council's office

■ Saipan: Aug. 26-27, 8am-4:30pm, at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capital Hill building 1364.

For further information, call Ruth Coleman at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. (PR)

NMC Presidential Search Committee extends application deadline

The Northern Marianas College Presidential Search Committee has announced that it has extended the deadline for accepting applications for NMC president. The new deadline is Aug. 31, 2010. For more information about the presidential search or to view a copy of the vacancy announcement, please visit www.nmcnet.edu. (PR)

Glimpses to hold GAMECON on Sept. 4

Glimpses will be hosting GAMECON and Back To School Expo 2010 at the Club V of Saipan Grand Hotel on Sept. 4. PC and console gaming enthusiasts will compete for a chance at winning more than \$3,000 in interesting prizes plus trophies and medals. Members of the audience also have a chance to walk away with instant door prizes.

Interested gamers can visit Glimpses/Beach Road Magazine office on Middle Road, Mega-

byte of Saipan, Subway Restaurants, and IT&E for entry forms. Tickets are sold at \$5 for audience and \$20 for gamers. For inquiries call Glimpses/Beach Road Magazine at 235-7645 for more details. To request for entry forms via email, write to saipan@glimpsesofguam.com. Gamers may sign up until Aug. 30. (PR)

Military training on Warning Area-517 today

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on Warning Area-517 on Aug. 20, from 7am to midnight. The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from these areas during the times and dates indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

Individual education programs: A workshop for parents

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested parents to attend a workshop on Individual Education Programs on Sept. 1, 2010, at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan from 8am to 1pm. This half-day session will address: the purpose of the IEP; information parents can contribute to the IEP; the process for determining necessary services; monitoring one's child's educational progress; and collaborating with one's child's team. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. (PSS)

Workshop for PSS Special Education staff

The CNMI Public School System encourages all interested special education teachers, teacher aides, related service providers, as well as principals and other PSS administrators to attend this workshop on Individual Education Programs on Aug. 30-31, 2010, at the Saipan World Resort in

Susupe, from 8am to 4:30pm. The workshop will be presented by Carol Kosnitsky. (PSS)

Hopwood calendar of activities

■ Aug. 30: Mandatory Student/Parent Orientation at 8am-10am at the stage area.

■ Sept. 1: All HJHS teachers and staff must report to work.

HJHS school uniforms will be readily available at HJHS office, starting Aug. 19 to Sept. 7. Parents can begin placing orders starting Aug. 16 with Ruby Hocog. Students can use their old uniforms until such time that they buy the new blue and gold color uniform.

■ Sept. 7: First day of school.

HJHS school supplies lists will be available at the National Office Supply & Modern Stationary. When buying your child's basic school supplies, be sure to ask the cashier for the list. For more information, call Hopwood at 237-3421, 237-3395. (PR)

Orientation for new NMC students

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a New Student Orientation today, Aug. 20, 2010, from 9am to 3:30pm at the NMC Library. Orientation for international and evening students will be on Monday, Aug. 23, 2010, from 5pm to 8pm at the NMC Library.

The orientation aims to teach incoming students about the various programs, services and resources available at the college. It will feature representatives from the different programs and offices of the Student Services division, such as Counseling and Disability Support, Career Services, and Financial Aid.

The orientation will also feature presentations by the Associated Students of NMC on "How to Get Involved" in student activities and organizations, dean of Student Services Leo Pangelinan on "Choosing a Major and Career," and business instructor Rik Villegas on "Having a Successful College Experience."

Ice breaker activities and campus tours will also be facilitated by student ambassadors from the College Access Challenge Project.

For more information, visit www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

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Kilili lauds CNMI Recovery team for its new website

Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan has congratulated the CNMI Recovery Act office and Commerce Secretary Mike Ada for their revamped website, <http://recovery.gov.mp/>.

"The Recovery Act is bringing about \$100 million to the Commonwealth," said Sablan. "That is so much money—almost the equivalent of an entire year's budget for the CNMI government—that it is hard for people to understand where it is all going and how it affects their lives.

"So, it's important to get information out about the funding that Congress provided, how it's being used, how many jobs are being created, and how people can take advantage of the opportunities, by

contracting or finding a job.

"The new Recovery office website is a big step in the right direction and adds to the resources that people can find at the federal government's recovery.gov website and that we have had at Sablan.house.gov, keeping track of all the ARRA grants awarded in the NMI."

Sablan's office recently added a Google maps element to the tracking effort. Sablan also added a link to the revised CNMI Recovery Act website to Sablan.house.gov.

"If someone wants to see how much Recovery Act money was going to Kagman Elemen-

tary, for instance," Sablan said, "they can click on the Google map we created and see the \$1 million going to Kagman and the breakdown of the spending at that school."



Sablan

Although total awards to the CNMI government, or to private individuals and businesses is \$100 million, only about 20 percent of that

money has been spent as of July 30, according to the federal government's reporting site.

"Of course, there is always some lag between the local agency report to the federal agency, but 20 percent is fairly accurate and up-to-date,"

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Sablan says.

"It's a good news/bad news situation. We have lots of money still to come. And that is going to have a stimulative effect on the Northern Marianas economy; it's going to put more people to work. We just all wish that it could happen faster.

"But, of course, taking care in how the money is being used will produce the best results over the long term and will also help avoid any fraud or other problems.

"That's one more reason why having the data available online

for everyone to see and keep track of us is a very worthwhile development."

Some of the first votes the Northern Marianas congressman made in the U.S. House of Representatives were for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, H.R. 1, in February 2009.

"We had to beat back Republican attempts to gut the bill during the amendment process on the floor of the House," said Sablan.

No Republicans voted for final passage of the Recovery Act, which to date has created or preserved 375 jobs in the Northern Mariana Islands. (PR)

HPO examines skeletal remains found on Tinian

Personnel from the Historic Preservation Office are conducting further analysis on some skeletal remains found in the jungles of Tinian last week.

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Blas Jr. said yesterday that Historic Preservation personnel and detectives from the Tinian DPS secured the remains on Aug. 12.

That day, a certain Joe Camacho had called Tinian DPS at 9am to report that skeletal remains had been found in the jungle east of Marpo Valley.

Blas said preliminary investigation showed that a hiker was

within the jungle of Marpo Valley, better known as Baranka, on Aug. 11, 2010, at 11am when he saw the remains.

The hiker reported the matter to the Tinian Emergency Management Office the following day. An EMO staff then called the police.

Two persons—John Manahane and Manuel Dela Cruz—reportedly disappeared on Tinian several years ago.

Police said the two cases may or may not be related to the recovered remains. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday greetings and balloons go out to Marlyn Luvonne, left, and Maelyn Matilde Cabrera Naputi, right, who are both celebrating their birthdays today, Aug. 20! Marlyn will be turning 17 and Maelyn will be turning 13! Greetings come from the entire family.



Happy birthday greetings go out to Roberto Evangelista, left, who is celebrating his special day today, Aug. 20, 2010, and belated birthday greetings to Ferdie Tobias, right, who had his on Aug. 18, 2010! Greetings come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family!



Happy birthday to Randall Pangelinan! May you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your friends, family, and wife Rita Stole.

Happy birthday to Jodeen Borja aka Princess or Che! May you enjoy your special day and may you have many more birthdays to come! Greetings come from your family and friends.

Saipan Fire hosts exchange program for Rota firefighters

Three firefighters from Rota are presently on Saipan to gain hands-on experience and exposure to motor vehicle crashes

and traffic-related injuries as part of an exchange program of the Department of Public Safety's Fire Division.

These firefighters have been on island since Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010.

This exchange program will

allow these personnel to be proficient in their Emergency Medical Technician field knowledge and skills and their experience will enable them to be confident and competent when responding to motor vehicle crashes or traffic-related injuries. All per-

sonnel will be assigned to work in a shift in the Emergency Service Operation for the duration of their on-the-job training.

At the same time, four firefighters from Saipan are on Rota to build relations and network with their peers while their

counterparts undergo this training on Saipan until Aug. 21.

Fire Division chief Tom Manglona said this exchange program is a first for the CNMI and once this is done, he would invite the Tinian Fire Division to participate. **(DPS)**

Grant promotes librarian-teacher partnerships in A. Samoa, Palau

A \$323,792 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services has resulted in the creation of the Strategic Collaborations for Information Literacy project, which will expand and enhance informal continuing education for school library staff and teachers in American Samoa and Palau in the next three years.

A major focus of the project is to create and train teams of school librarians and teachers in integrating information literacy and content for students.

Librarians focused on increasing understanding of the American Association of School Librarians Information Literacy Standards will partner with teachers working to meet the American Samoa and Palau national grade-six social studies curriculum standards. The two groups will create solid and cohesive librarian-teacher partnerships that will provide and support greater access to knowledge and literacy.

According to Jane Barnwell, director of Library and Information Literacy Initiatives at Pacific Resources for Education and Learning and SCIL project director, "The 'digital divide' is a very real concern. Among other challenges, it includes the lack of access to the modern, affordable technological wealth available in many parts of the world. The mission of the SCIL initiative is to ensure that all students and staff are given the opportunity to become literate, lifelong learners and effective, responsible users of ideas and in-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Feleti Barstow Public Library in American Samoa.

formation in spite of the 'digital divide' and other resource inadequacies they face. It is through the successful collaboration of teachers and school librarians that students in American Samoa and Palau will become more successful consumers and producers of information."

PREL believes that SCIL has the potential for national impact in its demonstration of effective and empowering continuing education strategies for pre-professional school librarians in traditionally underserved, culturally diverse, and remote areas. The long-term impacts of the project are many, including an increased regional capacity to become 21st-century learners. **(PREL)**

3-hour outage tomorrow in Oleai

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a three-hour power outage tomorrow, Aug. 21, from 7:30am to 10:30am, affecting three laterals on the Kiya 4 circuit in Oleai Village.

The specific areas affected will be from Kim's Tofu Store on Oleai St., toward Elleghe Ave., Falasow Pl., Maas Ln. and portions of Texas Rd. from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero to the Oleai Elementary School.

CUC linemen will replace two deteriorated power poles and 25 pole top pins in the Oleai Village. The vegetation management crews will also use the power outage to remove any hazards currently affecting the high voltage power lines. Because of the extreme danger in working on energized lines, the power outage is necessary to ensure the safety of line crews.

These efforts are part of the

ongoing maintenance program that will continue throughout the island in the next few weeks. Other areas of the electric grid will also be assessed and any needed repairs will be scheduled and performed. These maintenance activities, along with others to be announced later, are part of CUC's efforts to minimize storm disruptions as the CNMI enters typhoon season. **(CUC)**

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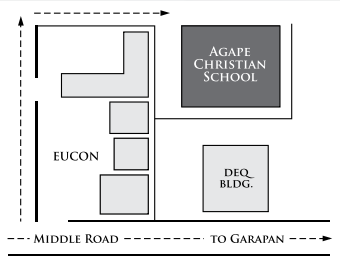
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Business

Attention shoppers: Joeten Susupe completes renovation

By MARK RABAGO
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ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Saipan Tribune recently caught up with J.C. Tenorio Enterprises, Inc. corporate special project manager Bo Palacios and he agreed to be interviewed for the newspaper's first-ever Biz Q&A section regarding the company's recent renovation of its Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe.

Saipan Tribune: When did you finish the renovations at your Susupe location, what did it entail, and how much was the cost?

Bo Palacios: The renovations to the store were completed about a month ago. The entire process of changing each of the refrigeration units



Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe's new energy efficient refrigeration units has resulted in 20 percent to 40 percent savings in electricity consumption.



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The store's renovation has also given Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe more aisle space.

actually took several months to complete and there was a lot of pre-planning involved. The total cost of the upgrade is estimated to be over \$1 million. This is proof positive that Joeten continues to invest in the CNMI and that the money people spend at our stores stays right here in the CNMI.

ST: What was the reason for the renovation?

BP: Our new refrigeration units allow us to be a much more efficient store. What I mean by that is the newer technology allow us to consume less energy and also since the new upright refrigerators replaced the older "coffin" freezers, it

give us much more store capacity so we can carry the products that customers want. The newer freezers are estimated to be 25 percent to 40 percent more energy efficient. The renovation also allowed us to make our aisles even more spacious. Shop-



pers don't like shopping in cramped quarters which is often a complaint here on Saipan.

ST: What's been the reaction from your customers, the public?

BP: They love it and many



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The replacement of older "coffin" freezers has allowed Joeten Susupe more store capacity to carry the products that customers want.



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The Disabilities Council said it is pleased with how the Joeten store in Susupe has become more accessible for people living with disabilities.

of the customers who haven't been to our Susupe location in a while are pleasantly surprised. But many still do not know that we've upgraded our stores so we're inviting customers to come down to Susupe to take a look. We've also been told by folks involved with the Disabilities Council that they were so pleased to see how spacious our store has become which makes it easier for people living with disabilities to shop in our stores.

ST: Any plans of implementing this renovation in other Joeten locations?

BP: Absolutely. However, the process is going to be a very gradual one. In this economy,

everyone is literally hurting so it's all a matter of timing but eventually the plan is to upgrade our stores.

Even with all the renovations and upgrades that have been going on at Joeten, we are still paying close attention to our prices to make sure that we remain exceptionally competitive in our everyday products. We also take pride in offering one of the most diverse product selection in the CNMI because we also understand that no two tastes are completely identical.

Companies that want to be featured in Biz Q&A may email the request to editor@saipantribune.com.

Egg recall tied to salmonella grows to 380 million pieces

ATLANTA (AP)—Hundreds of people have been sickened in a salmonella outbreak linked to eggs in four states and possibly more, health officials said Wednesday as a company dramatically expanded a recall to 380 million eggs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working with state health departments to investigate the illnesses. No deaths have been reported, said Dr. Christopher Braden, a CDC epidemiologist involved in the investigation.

Initially, 228 million eggs, or the equivalent of 19 million dozen-egg cartons, were recalled by the company Wright County Egg of Galt, Iowa. But that number was increased to nearly 32 million dozen-egg cartons.

Minnesota, a state with some of the best food-borne illness investigators in the country, has tied at least seven salmonella illnesses to the eggs.

Other states have seen a jump in reports of the type of salmonella. For example, California has reported 266 illnesses since June and believes many are related to the eggs.

Colorado saw 28 cases in June and July, about four times the usual number. Spikes or clusters of suspicious cases have also been reported in Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Salmonella is the most common bacterial form of food poisoning. And the strain involved in the outbreak is the most common strain of salmonella, accounting for roughly 20 percent of all salmonella food poisonings.

Unfortunately, current lab tests do not allow health officials to fingerprint this form of salmonella as precisely as other kinds of food-borne illness. So determining the size of a salmonella enteritidis outbreak is a little more challenging, Braden said.

The Food and Drug Administration also is investigating.

Much of the investigation so far has been centered on restaurants in California, Colorado, Minnesota and North Carolina. They are not necessarily breakfast places - it's possible some got sick from eating a salad dressing that had a raw egg in it, or eating soup with an undercooked egg dropped in, Braden said.

Obama says economy coming back in backyard chat

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Admittedly wary of losing touch, President Barack Obama returned to the comfort of backyard politics on Wednesday, assuring a polite gathering of middle-class neighbors that the economy is coming around "slowly but surely."

At the brick-and-shingle house of the Weithman family, Obama's questioners showed no interest in the divisive midterm elections or other matters gobbling up the political debate. They wanted to know what he was doing on jobs, health care, pensions and child care. In turn, Obama got what he wanted: a sunny platform to engage voters and promote his agenda.

Obama hadn't even left the property, though, before he got off message by answering a reporter's shouted question

about a national controversy—plans for a mosque and community center near the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York. Obama said he had "no regrets" about his stand that Muslims have the right to build the mosque.

In the midst of a fundraising tour that has generated more than \$3 million for Democrats, Obama seemed refreshed to be having his chat in the Weithmans' backyard.

The neighbors sat scattered in lawn chairs and picnic tables. The president held forth with a microphone, jacket off, sleeves rolled up, as if he were just talking with old friends. Reporters were packed in all the way to the to-

mato garden.

"Look, I'll be honest with you," Obama said over the whirring of lawn mowers in the distance. "Sometimes when you're in Washington, you get caught up with the particular legislative battles or, you know, the media spin on certain issues. And sometimes you lose touch in terms of what folks are talking about around the kitchen table."

So no one missed the point, Obama actually sat at the kitchen table with Joe and Rhonda Weithman and their two kids.

His broader discussion with neighbors predictably centered on the economy, with unemployment at 9.5 percent nationally and topping 10 percent in

Ohio. Obama took questions about how to bring manufacturing jobs back to the U.S., how to breathe life into the sagging housing market and how the mammoth health care law he signed will provide real help to people.

"Slowly but surely we are moving in the right direction," Obama said of the economy. "We're on the right track."

That continues to be a tough sell. Only 35 percent of those polled in a new Associated Press-GfK poll say the country is headed in the right direction. Just 41 percent approve of the president's performance on the economy, a slipping number. In his favor: Three-quarters say it is unrealistic to expect noticeable economic improvements in the first 18 months of a president's term.



Obama

Five win in Mobil's Smiles promotion

Five grand prize winners of the Mobil Oil Mariana Islands' "Giving Everyone a Reason to Smile" promotion went home with a \$1,000 Joeten Superstore gift certificates. Additionally, each grand prize winner will be able to select a charity to receive a \$2,000 cash donation, made by Mobil, in the winner's name.

The winners will be presented with their prizes today, Aug. 20, at Joeten Superstore in Susupe. The lucky winners were Asinta

Pangelinan, Joaquin Quitugua, Edihuel Necesito, Aya Desebel, and Aya Desebel.

Pangelinan selected CNMI Salvation Army, Quitugua the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., Necesito the Guma Esperansa, Desebel the Guma Esperansa, Roberto the Emergency Food & Shelter as their charity of choice.

"Mobil is proud to partner with our loyal customers in

helping local charities financially, and to have the opportunity to highlight each charitable organization's contributions to the Northern Mariana Islands. Mobil endeavors to be a responsible corporate citizen of the NMI by contributing to the welfare of the community which has enabled it to grow and expand on Saipan, and throughout the NMI. Mobil looks forward to working with its valued customers in the years to come by providing

continued innovation, service and dedication to the communities it serves," said Mobil Oil Mariana Islands country manager Gennaro Cioffi.

This Smiles Promotion ran between April 16 and June 10. Smiles members who purchased a minimum of \$10 worth of gasoline and swiped their Smiles Card at any Mobil Service Station received an automatic entry into the lucky draw. A total of five grand prize winners won \$1,000 Joeten gift certificate each and 45 second

prize winners will each receive a \$200 Joeten gift certificate.

This promotion was a win-win

opportunity for the Lucky Smiles Grand Prize winners and the charities they choose. (Mobil)

BUSINESS BRIEFS

A year after bankruptcy, GM plans stock sale

DETROIT (AP)—Thirteen months ago, General Motors was fighting for its life in bankruptcy court. Now, the automaker is laying the groundwork to sell stock to the public once again with the eventual goal of ridding itself of government ownership.

General Motors Co. filed the first batch of paperwork required to hold an initial public offering of stock late Wednesday. The 700-page document submitted to regulators laid out reasons, and risks, to investors considering buying GM stock. The filing, called an S-1, was short on specifics. GM didn't say how many shares would be sold or when, although experts say the IPO could come as early as October. It also didn't say how many shares GM's majority owner, the U.S. government, plans to unload.

Oil hovers above \$75 amid tepid US economy

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered above \$75 a barrel Thursday in Asia amid investor concerns U.S. economic growth will slow in the second half and stymie demand for crude. Benchmark crude for September delivery rose 10 cents to \$75.52 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading

on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost 35 cents to settle at \$75.42 on Wednesday. Oil has traded around \$75 a barrel for most of the last year. Price jumps above \$80, such as the one last week, have so far been dragged down by worries global economic growth isn't strong enough to justify a sustained rally.

Judge approves Barclays deal with Justice Dept

WASHINGTON (AP)—A judge who questioned whether Barclays Bank PLC was getting off too easily nonetheless approved a deal Wednesday that will likely enable the financial institution to avoid prosecution on allegations that it engaged in \$500 million in illegal transactions with banks in Cuba, Iran, Libya, Sudan and Myanmar for more than a decade. Under the arrangement with the Justice Department, Barclays will pay \$298 million—half of it to the United States and the rest under an agreement with the Manhattan district attorney's office in New York. In exchange for the London-based bank's ongoing cooperation, the two criminal charges the bank faces will be deferred and ultimately dropped as long as the financial institution demonstrates that it is complying with U.S. laws.

REQUEST for PROPOSALS MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST RFP 10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD LOAN PROGRAM

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceeds is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration for each investment to not more than five years. This is not a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below.

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked "Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman

Nation

Poll: Growing number incorrectly call Obama Muslim

WASHINGTON (AP)—Americans increasingly are convinced—incorrectly—that President Barack Obama is a Muslim, and a growing number are thoroughly confused about his religion.

Nearly one in five people, or 18 percent, said they think Obama is Muslim, up from the 11 percent who said so in March 2009, according to a

poll released Thursday. The proportion who correctly say he is a Christian is down to just 34 percent.

The largest share of people, 43 percent, said they don't know his religion, an increase from the 34 percent who said that in early 2009.



Obama

The survey, conducted by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center and its affiliated Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, is based on interviews conducted before the controversy over whether Muslims should be permitted to construct a mosque near the World Trade

Center site. Obama has said he believes Muslims have the right to build an Islamic center there, though he's also said he won't take a position on whether they should actually build it.

In a separate poll by Time magazine/ABT SRBI conducted Monday and Tuesday—after Obama's comments about the mosque—24 percent said they think he is Muslim, 47 percent

said they think he is Christian and 24 percent didn't know or didn't respond.

In addition, 61 percent opposed building the Muslim center near the Trade Center site and 26 percent said they favor it.

The Pew poll found that about three in 10 of Obama's fiercest political rivals, Republicans and conservatives, say he is a Muslim. That is up significantly from last year and far higher than the share of Democrats and liberals who say so. But even among his supporters,

the number saying he is a Christian has fallen since 2009, with just 43 percent of blacks and 46 percent of Democrats saying he is Christian.

Among independents, 18 percent say Obama is Muslim—up from 10 percent last year.

Pew analysts attribute the findings to attacks by his opponents and Obama's limited attendance at religious services, particularly in contrast with Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, whose worship was more public.

CIA forms new center to combat nukes, WMDs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The CIA is opening a counterproliferation center to combat the spread of dangerous weapons and technology, a move that comes as Iran is on the verge of fueling up a new nuclear power plant.

CIA Director Leon Panetta said Wednesday that the new unit would place CIA operators side by side with the agency's analysts to brainstorm plans to "confront the threat of weapons of mass destruction - nuclear, chemical and biological."

The center would formalize

the collaboration between the agency's analysts and operators, a close working relationship that CIA spokesman George Little said already has yielded intelligence successes.

Little cited their work in last year's revelation of the "discovery of the Syrian covert nuclear reactor and Iran's undeclared uranium enrichment facility near Qom." That Iranian city is the ideological center of Iran's Shiite rulers.

Paul Brannan, a senior analyst at the Institute for Science

and International Security, said another CIA success was the slowing down of Iran's nuclear centrifuge operations at Natanz. The agency, he said, sneaked "faulty parts into Iran's nuclear supply chain."

That operation, Brannan said, "is an example of where you'd need both analysts to tell you what type of parts would Iran need that you could inject, and the operations side to work with trading companies to try to get the parts in there."

The CIA's new center goes

into effect just as Iran's Bush-eir power plant gets stocked with fuel rods provided by Russia. Uranium fuel will be loaded into the Bushehr reactor on Saturday, beginning a process that will last about a month and end with the reactor sending electricity to Iranian cities, Russian and Iranian officials said.

Brannan said the Bushehr site is not a proliferation threat since Iran does not have the ability to reprocess the spent fuel into nuclear weapons-grade material.

Feds: No timeline for completing Gulf relief well

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The government's point man for the Gulf oil spill said Wednesday he cannot provide a timeline right now for when BP's blown-out well will finally be plugged for good.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen told reporters he will give the order to complete the so-called relief well when he is ready. Since nearly the start of the disaster in April, the plan had been to complete the relief well by early to mid-

August. But stormy weather and now questions of how to make the job less risky have delayed that process.

Allen said BP PLC still needs to come up with a plan to alleviate pressure that may build up once the relief well intersects the blown-out well.

"We will know when we have satisfied ourselves and we have removed any shadow of doubt," Allen said when asked at what point he would give the order to move forward. He said the

pause is "nothing more than an overabundance of caution and doing our jobs."

Ultimately, the plan is to pump mud and cement in from the bottom to plug the well permanently, a procedure known as a bottom kill. The well blew out when the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded April 20, killing 11 workers and setting off one of the worst offshore oil spills in history.

A cap has kept oil from flow-

ing for more than a month, but that's just a temporary solution. Mud and cement was later pumped in through the top of the well, significantly reducing the pressure inside it.

But the government believes the bottom kill procedure is necessary to declare the well dead once and for all.

John Wright, who has been leading the team drilling the relief well aboard a rig at the well-site, said he also has not been given an exact timetable.

ACROSS THE NATION

Fetuses found in CA basement trunk dating to '30s

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Remains of two fetuses wrapped in 1930s newspapers and placed in doctor's bags were found inside an unclaimed steamer trunk by women cleaning out the basement of a 1924 apartment building that's being converted to condominiums, authorities and witnesses said. The remains were discovered late Tuesday in a 4-foot-tall green trunk in a four-story brick building in the Westlake district, a once-elegant early 20th century neighborhood west of downtown. The trunk was inscribed with the initials JMB and also contained a certificate giving "Miss Jean Barrie" membership to the Peter Pan Woodland Club mountain resort, a typing manual bearing the signature "Jean M. Barrie," ticket stubs from the 1932 Los Angeles Olympic Games, photos

of a wedding and other items.

2 men sentenced in Ind. for online child porn ring

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—A Baltimore man who helped run an online message board where members shared millions of child pornography images insisted Wednesday that he only took part so he could bust the ring. But prosecutors in federal court in Indianapolis don't believe Roger L. Loughry had any intentions of turning in members of the Cache website. He was sentenced to federal prison Wednesday along with another ring member. Loughry received a 30-year sentence for his role. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrotta said there was no evidence Loughry made efforts to disrupt the site's operations. The 57-year-old was a co-administrator of the site and one of the international online ring's five top-ranking members.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the State Rehabilitation Council will hold its FY 10 Third Quarter Meeting on Friday August 20, 2010 at the Chamolinian Room, Hyatt Regency at 9:00am-3:00pm. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Review and adoption of Agenda
- III. Review and adoption of the FY'10 1st Meeting Minutes (12/19/09)
- IV. Reports
 - A. OVR Director
 1. 2010 NDEAM
 2. Needs Assessment
 3. State Plan Status
 4. Fiscal Report
 - B. SRC Chair
 1. 2010/11 Resource Plan
 2. NDEAM Participation for Saipan, Rota, and Tinian
 3. Other committee activities
- V. E-Rehab Training: Mr. Skip Bingham and Mr. Gary Leete
- VI. Consumer Forum: CAC, etc.
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters, are asked to call 322-6537(voice) or 322-6449(TTY). Please contact Elvira Seman (Acting Council Liaison) two days in advanced for necessary arrangements.

/s/ JESUS M. ELAMETO
SRC Chairperson

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Head Start Policy Council Special Meeting Agenda

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Head Start Policy Council hereby gives notice that it will have a special meeting on August 20, 2010 (Friday) from 5:30pm-6:30pm, Head Start Main Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

- I. Preliminary Matters
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Quorum
 4. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Public Comments
- III. New Business
 1. Action Item:
 - a. Approval of Recommendation for Hire
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Adjournment

Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)7, the Council may vote to meet in Executive Session. Public Comments are limited to 15 minutes; therefore comments are limited to 3 minutes each.

This meeting is open to the public, interested individuals are welcome to attend. Any person(s) requiring special accommodations may contact Ms. Candace Q. Celis at 664-3761.

/s/ Mr. Gene Weaver
Chairperson



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NOTICE OF AUCTION

IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, hereinafter referred to as NMHC, as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all of the rights, title, and interests of the following described real property situated in Garapan, Saipan, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Lot No. 003 D 02 (Formerly Block 1 Lot 2), as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 003 D 00 dated February 19, 1971, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry on the 1st day of March, 1971, as Document No. 689, and containing an area of 1,022 square meters, more or less, together with the improvements and fixtures located thereon and therein and the appurtenances and all the rights, title, and interest of, in, and to the land lying in all streets, highways, and rights of ways abutting on or appurtenant to said premises.

Minimum Bid: The minimum bid for the property mentioned above in this notice shall be \$90,000.00.

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Reserve:** The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
2. **Rights and Duties of Auctioneer:** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, auctioneer and seller shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - a. To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - c. To reject any and all bids.
3. **Bids:** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facsimile: 234-9021; or to Mr. Vicente T. Salas, Esq., P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-7455; Facsimile: 234-7256.
4. **Deposit:** Payment: A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title, and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to NMHC.
5. **Change of Terms:** Auctioneer and NMHC reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
6. **Inspection and No Warranty:** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact NMHC for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2010.

/s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO, Corporate Director

Asia

US opposes use of force in South China Sea dispute

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The U.S. military opposes the use of force by countries locked in a territorial dispute in the South China Sea and will maintain its presence in the strategic region for years to come, an American commander said Wednesday.

China, meanwhile, lashed out at an American report that said Beijing's secrecy amid its military buildup increased the potential for conflict.

The comments by Adm. Robert Willard, the head of the U.S. Pacific Command, follow remarks last month by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton that outraged China. Clinton told a conference of Southeast and East Asian ministers that the U.S. had a "national interest" in seeing the territorial disputes resolved through a "collaborative diplomatic process by all claimants."

China claims sovereignty over the entire South China Sea, which is strewn with disputed groups of islands, including the Spratly archipelago—also claimed in whole or in part by Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines.

Willard said that Washington does not take sides in the disputes but added it will oppose any use "of force or any forms of coercion to stake these claims on the part of any single nation at the expense of the others."

He said China's "assertive" behavior in the South China Sea was on the agenda in annual defense talks in Manila on Wednesday with Philippine military officials.

The two allies, which signed a Mutual Defense Treaty in 1951, also discussed previous plans outlining how the Philippines and the U.S. can protect each another in case conflict breaks out in the disputed region, Willard said without elaborating.

"We discussed the assertiveness that we're experiencing by the Chinese in the South China Sea and the concerns that that has generated within the region," he told a news conference.

He said American forces will continue with their presence in the region for years to come to keep its sea lanes and air space safe for the huge traffic of commercial cargo.

Willard also urged the countries in the region to build adequate militaries to help keep the peace.

"It's very important that the governments in the region invest in sufficient militaries and security apparatus to protect their respective territorial waters," he said.

Pakistan floods shape an archipelago of misery

SHIKARPUR, Pakistan (AP)—The water came in the morning, quietly sweeping across the rice paddies and into the village. Within hours, it was as high as a man's shoulder and Abdul Nabi had lost his harvest, his mud home and all 10 of his buffalo.

It had barely been raining at all. Weeks after massive downpours first battered northern Pakistan, submerging tens of thousands of square miles, killing about 1,500 people and leaving millions homeless, those floodwaters are still sweeping downriver and through the south, adding one more layer of misery to people long accustomed to hardship.

"This is the fate of the country," said another flood victim, a bitterly angry man named Habib Ullah. "It is the bad luck of Pakistan."

Pakistanis have lived through a deeply corrupt political establishment, a long history of military coups, a bloody Islamist insurgency and widespread poverty. Up to a third of its 170 million people live in poverty. Five years ago, entire towns in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir were leveled by an earthquake that killed 80,000 people.

Now, after years of low rainfall that had left many farmers struggling at the edge of financial survival, they face the worst floods in generations.

"It's not just the scale (of the floods), it's the depth as well," said Arif Jabbar Khan, the humanitarian operations manager for the aid group Oxfam Pakistan. "People have lost most, if not all, of their assets. People save all their life, and now it's all gone."

Nabi understands that kind of loss.

Bus crash in Philippines kills 41; 9 survive

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A packed passenger bus negotiating a downhill curve plunged off a Philippine mountain highway into a 100-foot (30-meter) ravine Wednesday, killing 41 people, police said.

Nine people, including a 10-year-old boy, survived and eight were taken to hospitals, said police chief Wilben Mayor of Benguet province north of Manila.

Mayor said most of the victims were pinned to death while others were thrown out as the bus tumbled down.

Working into the night, emergency workers recovered the last of the 41 bodies from the twisted wreckage, said regional disaster agency director Olivia Mercado-Luces.

Twenty-six have been identified so far, including four members of a Filipino-American family who were on their way back to the U.S. after visiting relatives in the northern Philippines. An Indian national living in the Philippines also died.

The victims' remains, including a toddler's, were put in body bags on the highway and were later taken to funeral parlors.

The bus zoomed between a tree and a house and plunged into the ravine, Mayor said. The driver, who survived with a broken leg, would be investigated, he said.

John Patrick Flores, the bus conductor, told The Associated Press by telephone that the brakes on the bus failed as the driver was negotiating a downhill curve.

He said the driver was aiming to hit a lamppost to stop the bus from falling but missed and it jumped over a foot (30 centimeters) -high road barrier.

"I jumped off the bus to the side of the road before the bus plunged into the ravine," Flores said. He suffered only minor bruises.

He said he was the first person to reach the bus and carried the 10-year-old boy with a broken leg up the ravine. Local residents helped rescue other passengers, eight of whom were brought to hospital in Baguio.

The bus was carrying about 50 people from the northern mountain city of Baguio when it crashed in Sablan township, about eight miles (12 kilometers) away.

Flores said the bus was not speeding as it had just dropped off a passenger and picked up another a short distance away from where the vehicle plunged.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Singapore adds 2 months in jail for Swiss vandal

SINGAPORE (AP)—A Swiss man asked a Singapore judge Wednesday to reduce his five-month jail term for graffiti, but instead got two months added to his sentence, showing the lengths the city-state will go to maintain its reputation as a safe and clean place. Oliver Fricker argued in his appeal that he should serve a three-month sentence for vandalism concurrently with a two-month trespassing penalty, rather than consecutively. Judge V.K. Rajah rejected Fricker's argument that the jail term was "crushing and disproportionate," ruling that the two-month trespassing sentence was insufficient and doubled it. Fricker, 32, must now serve seven months in total and also faces three strokes of a cane for breaking into a

train depot with an accomplice and painting graffiti on two subway carriages on May 16.

China officials shut fireworks plants after blast

BEIJING (AP)—All nine fireworks factories in Heilongjiang province in northeast China were ordered shut Thursday, days after a blast at one of them killed 20 people. The factories have been told to dismantle their production facilities by the end of the month, according to a statement on the website of the Heilongjiang Work Safety Administration. "We have rescinded their permits for production," the statement said. The official Xinhua News Agency said three government officials and two factory executives were fired or detained after Monday's blast. It said a preliminary investigation showed the plant was illegally producing fireworks.



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PUBLIC NOTICE TO APPEAR FOR INVESTIGATION

The Employee is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Enforcement Section, 2nd Floor, Afetnas Building, San Antonio, Saipan. This notice will serve as "Proof of Service for the notice to appear for investigation". For information, please contact at 236-0900 ext. 244/239.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
Bautista, Pablo B.	RPM Corporation	CAC#10-423-07	08/31/2010 10AM

Failure to appear at your scheduled investigation shall be grounds for default and may result in the referral of affected worker to the US Immigration for their action.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Camacho
Enforcement OIC



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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING

Friday, August 20, 2010, First Notice
Friday, August 27, 2010, Second Notice

The Respondents are hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetna Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing on Remand from the Superior Court. **The Hearing of CAC No. 09-128-03 will be held on September 1, 2010, at 9:00 a.m.** This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing on Remand". For information, please call 236-0956 ext. 257.

Complainant	Respondents	Case Number	Date/Time
Department of Labor	Leticia R. Stollenberg dba Janrome General Services, Maria Ester C. Del Rosario, Apolos R. Perez, Jr., Rogelio G. Balensosa, Teodoro L. Casido, Adrialen DLS Dela Cruz, Gong Yayan, Juanito R. Oria.	CAC No. 09-128-03	09/01/2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

World

Iran condemns possible US military action

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Iran took its case against the United States to the United Nations on Wednesday and strongly condemned the top U.S. military chief for saying military action remains a possibility if the country develops nuclear weapons.

Iran's acting U.N. ambassador Eshagh Alehabib claimed in letters circulated to the secretary-general and presidents of the Security Council and General Assembly that Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other U.S. officials and lawmakers "threatened" to use military action under the "totally false" pretense that Iran is developing nuclear weapons.

Mullen said earlier this month that the U.S. military has a plan to attack Iran, although he thinks a military strike is probably a bad idea. Still, he said the risk of Iran developing a nuclear weapon



AP
In this Sunday Aug. 1, 2010, photo released by CBS, Adm. Michael Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks on CBS's "Face The Nation" in Washington.

is unacceptable and he reiterated that "the military option" remains on the table.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned Wednesday that Iran's re-

sponse to an attack would not be limited to the region, suggesting Iran would target U.S. interests beyond the Persian Gulf.

"It's unlikely that they (U.S.) will make such a stupidity (to attack Iran) but all must know that if this threat is carried out, the field of the Iranian nation's confrontation will not be only our region," Khamenei told state TV. "The area of confrontation will be much wider."

He also said there will be no talks with the U.S. under the shadow of threats.

Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters in Iran, apparently was referring to recent calls by the U.S. and other key powers for Iran to resume talks on its nuclear program following the U.N. Security Council's recent vote imposing a fourth set of sanctions against the country for refusing to halt uranium enrichment.

Mexican mayor found dead 3 days after kidnapping

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—The kidnapped mayor of a northern Mexican town was found dead Wednesday, extending a rash of deadly attacks on political figures in an area besieged by drug gang battles.

Santiago Mayor Edelmiro Cavazos' body was found near a waterfall outside his town, a popular weekend getaway for residents of the industrial city of Monterrey, said Nuevo Leon state attorney general Alejandro Garza y Garza.

Interior Secretary Francisco Blake Mora traveled to Monterrey and pledged that the army would begin joint pa-

trols with police in "conflictive neighborhoods" in the area.

Police have not determined a motive in the killing, but it bore the hallmarks of drug cartels waging vicious turf battles in northeastern Mexico: Cavazos' hands were bound and his head was wrapped in tape.

Garza y Garza suggested it was a drug gang hit, saying Cavazos participated in state security meetings and was "showing his face in the fight against organized crime."

However, Cavazos had not made any dramatic security decisions since taking office in November 2009, said Jorge Santiago Flores, the local

president of the mayor's National Action Party. He said it remains a mystery why anyone would want to kill Cavazos.

"He was a very kind person. He was a man who worked a lot in the community and always helped those in need, donating medicine and helping people who asked," Flores said.

Gov. Rodrigo Medina appealed to the federal government to send reinforcements to the state and in a full-page newspaper ad Wednesday, Nuevo Leon business leaders called on authorities to act together to reduce insecurity in the region.

months, feel betrayed. U.S. lawmakers are investigating whether oil giant BP pushed for his release from prison to get Libya's oil and are assailing Scotland for freeing him. Lockerbie is the wound that time can't seem to heal for almost everyone involved in the case.

American activist sent back to prison in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—An American activist convicted of aiding leftist rebels surrendered to police Wednesday after a court struck down a decision granting her parole and ordered her to return to prison, where she is to remain with her 15-month-old son for the time being. Lori Berenson was arrested by police at the U.S. Embassy, where she was at what her father called a "regular consular meeting" to keep embassy officials apprised of her situation. "She's calm. She is a very strong woman," her husband and lawyer, Anibal Apari, told reporters outside the embassy. "She is going to return to jail with her baby." As she was led to a courthouse cell, Berenson carried her son in her arms. Television footage later showed Berenson being taken to the Chorrillos women's prison in an ambulance. It is common practice in Peru to transfer prisoners in ambulances.

WORLD BRIEFS

Colombian leader praises rescuers in plane crash

SAN ANDRES, Colombia (AP)—Authorities on Wednesday reopened the island runway where a jetliner crashed with 131 people aboard, clearing the way for flights after crews worked overnight to remove spilled fuel and fractured pieces of the plane. Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos thanked the rescue workers, firefighters and police who helped passengers to safety as he visited the airport. Only one person on board the plane was killed when it slammed into the ground short of the runway Monday on San Andres Island. "We're very proud of the way you worked," Santos told rescue workers at the airport. The wreckage was moved to a hangar while investigators search for clues to the cause of the crash.

Lockerbie bomber fuels anger just by staying alive

CAIRO (AP)—A year after Scotland's release of the terminally ill Lockerbie bomber caused an uproar, Abdel Baset al-Megrahi is still stirring outrage simply by surviving. Loved ones of those killed in the 1988 jetliner bombing, who were told he would likely die within three

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: DWI suspect drives 11 miles without tire

BETHANY, N.Y. (AP)—Authorities said a western New York man whose license expired 33 years ago has been charged with driving while intoxicated after police said he drove a van 11 miles without one of its tires. The Genesee County Sheriff's Office said another motorist reported seeing a tire falling off a van weaving on a road in Bethany late Monday night. Deputies later arrested 61-year-old Duane Bush at his home in Bethany, 32 miles southwest of Rochester. Deputies said the van traveled 11 miles through the rural town without a rear right tire. Bush was charged with aggravated DWI and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Deputies said his blood-alcohol level was more than three times above the legal limit of .08 percent.

Ky. family claims they found dead mouse in milk

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—A Kentucky family has sued Wal-Mart, saying they found a dead mouse in a milk container the family had been drinking from for three days. The *Courier-Journal* reported that Robert and Rosalind Grant and their 23-month-old granddaughter sought medical attention and treatment in May after finding the mouse. The family filed suit in Jefferson Circuit Court on Monday. Wal-Mart spokesman Phillip Keene said the retail giant takes quality and safety seriously and is looking into the complaint, along with the supplier, Ohio-based Superior Dairy Inc. The Louisville paper reported that the child had blood in her stool from drinking the tainted milk. The Grants claim they bought the milk May 1 at Sam's Club, which is owned by Wal-Mart, and the container had not been tampered with.

Police call 'Ma' on dropped cell phone, ID suspect

ATHENS, Ga. (AP)—Thanks a lot, Mom. Police seeking a man accused of breaking into an elementary school said they identified the suspect by calling "Ma" from the contact list of a cell phone he dropped as he fled. A police report said officers responding to an alarm at an elementary school in Athens in northeast Georgia arrived in time Monday to see a man running through the cafeteria and out the back door. Police failed to catch the man, but say he dropped his cell phone as he ran. According to the report, officers picked up the phone, searched the contact list and called a number marked "Ma." They say a woman who answered gave them her son's name. The suspect wasn't immediately identified.

Police: Man lived in NJ library for nearly 2 weeks

OCEAN TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—Police said a homeless man lived unnoticed in the basement of a New Jersey library for nearly two weeks. Police said a custodian saw Charles Jones Jr. peeking out a basement window of the Ocean Township library in Monmouth County on Friday night. Neptune police Detective Lt. Steven Peters said Jones told officers he had been living in the building. Police discovered several books in the basement and found the 26-year-old had taken food from the employee break room. Jones was released on a criminal summons. He's charged with burglary and theft.

Banana-costumed man has little appeal

PORT ANGELES, Wash. (AP)—A man in a banana costume is accused of exposing himself and brandishing a shotgun while riding around with a bunch of friends in Washington state. The Clallam County sheriff's office says the 21-year-old was arrested Tuesday evening for investigation of indecent exposure and reckless endangerment. The Peninsula Daily News reports police first received a report of the costumed man exposing himself at a restaurant.

Sheriff's Sgt. Randy Pieper says they also drove through a Port Angeles neighborhood where the man got out brandishing the gun. After his arrest, authorities say, the man couldn't explain why he was costumed. The other man also was arrested, but an 18-year-old woman in the car was allowed to split. The banana costume was seized as evidence.

Drink, then drive? Whisky fuel could power cars

LONDON (AP)—How about a whisky to go? Scientists said they have developed biofuel for cars from waste produced in distilling Scotch whisky. Researchers at Edinburgh Napier University produced a type of fuel called butanol using "pot ale"—the liquid residue from copper stills—and "draff," or leftover grain. They said it can be used in ordinary cars without adapting the engines. And unlike some biofuels, it is made from waste products and does not require a crop to be grown. The researchers said they have filed a patent application for the fuel, and plan to set up a company to get it into British gas stations.

Police warn man against undressing while driving

BROOKFIELD, Wis. (AP)—A driver who tried to change his sweaty clothes while driving through a Milwaukee suburb was stopped by police but let off with a warning. Police said that when they pulled the 54-year-old over in Brookfield Aug. 13, he complained he was uncomfortable in his clothes because he had spent a sweltering day at the Wisconsin State Fair. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that police warned the man against indecent exposure and advised him to finish changing at home.

Police: Man makes shrimp pizza, trashes restaurant

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP)—Police in a North Carolina city arrested a man for breaking into a restaurant, but not before the suspect filled his belly. Multiple media outlets reported that 22-year-old Bradley Michael was charged him with breaking and entering, vandalism and larceny. Greensboro police said the suspect broke through the front door of a Red Lobster restaurant around 7 a.m. Monday. The restaurant manager said Michael destroyed an estimated \$30,000 worth of computers, benches and liquor bottles. The manager said Michael also made himself a shrimp pizza and ate some cake. Officers found Michael inside the restaurant.

Store manager tells robber Jesus wouldn't approve

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (AP)—A cell phone store manager in South Florida dissuaded an armed man from robbing the store by telling him Jesus wouldn't approve. Instead of panicking when the suspect pulled a weapon, Nayara Goncalves started talking with him. He was jobless, and the 20-year-old Christian offered to connect him with friends who could help him find work. She said she believed the man when he said he attended church and wasn't a bad person. She told him the answer to his financial problems wasn't in the cash register. Then, the clerk nudged him with a little sin of her own. She said the store would hold her responsible for any cash he stole. Goncalves said, "I just wanted to remind him that he knew better."

Pa. city shames owners of blighted property on Web

READING, Pa. (AP)—Property owners neglecting their homes in one eastern Pennsylvania city are getting an online shaming. Reading Mayor Tom McMahon on Monday announced a new online "Wall of Shame" featuring blighted properties. McMahon says the property owners' names will be posted along with pictures and addresses. He says he's serving notice to property owners who fail to take action on eyesore properties. Ten properties are already facing designation as blighted, which could lead to them being torn down. Fifty other properties are listed on the site, and McMahon says they're being targeted for blighted status by the city.

Science & Technology

Facebook checks in, adding location-based feature

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook users carrying their smart phones will soon be able to

“check in” to real-world locations such as bars, parks and live concerts as the social network makes its first foray into the location services craze.

“Where are you?” is join-

ing “What’s on your mind?” as Facebook lets its users declare their whereabouts to their friends and people nearby.

With the much-anticipated launch of Facebook Places late

Wednesday, the world’s largest social network joins a growing number of services that let users find coupons, earn quirky merit badges or simply share with friends where they are.

These location services from various startups, including Four-square and Gowalla, have grown in popularity with the widespread availability of smart phones that have GPS and other means of determining the user’s location.

Facebook’s version initially works through the site’s iPhone

application; users will need to download a free update of the Facebook app. Owners of other touch-screen gadgets can get the feature through visiting touch.facebook.com on their mobile Web browser. Facebook says it will add Places to other smart phone apps later.

One firewall suffices

By ANNE KRISHNAN
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

QUESTION: When installing a security program (i.e. AVG) they always want to install their firewall and disable the Windows firewall. Is one better than the other? Is there a downside to disabling the Windows firewall and allowing the AVG firewall to work?—J.P., Clayton, N.C.

ANSWER: Often in the “belt and suspenders” world of computer security, the preference is to use multiple layers of security tools in order to ensure optimum protection, said Jeff Crume, an engineer at IBM.

However, running two firewalls on the same PC is likely to be overkill and could, in fact, cause problems. The same goes for running multiple antivirus tools on the same system.

Some of the older Windows firewall versions weren’t that great, so it was a pretty good bet that most any other legitimate firewall was going to be better, Crume said. More recently, Microsoft’s abilities have improved substantially.

He hasn’t personally used AVG’s firewall, so he couldn’t say whether it is better or worse than Microsoft’s, but he would definitely recommend picking just one and going with that.

Most firewalls, including the original one in-

cluded with Windows, do a decent job of blocking inbound communications (things coming in from the Internet). A key capability to look for, though, is how well the firewall you are considering does at blocking outgoing communications (from the PC to the Internet), Crume said.

The latter feature is what will provide a level of protection against malware that gets on your system and tries to “phone home” by sending your personal information back to the hackers. That would potentially allow them to install yet more malware on your system or even establish a foothold that allows them complete control over your system from a remote location.

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Q: When I looked up something at Microsoft.com, a page came up advising that support for Windows XP is running out. Can Windows XP be upgraded to Windows 7 or am I in big trouble? Since I am a senior citizen, I’d hate to have to buy a new computer and start all over again.—L.H., Raleigh, N.C.

A: Unfortunately, Windows 7 isn’t designed to be upgradeable from XP; it requires a fresh install or purchasing a new computer.

However, if you like your current tools and they’re working for you, there’s really no reason for you to upgrade. You’ll be able to run XP in-

**STUMP
the Geeks**

definitely, and until 2014 you’ll still have access to self-help support online, fee-based live support and free security fixes.

Four years from now, when all support for this product really does cease, you may well be ready for a new machine.

In the meantime, in addition to being a real hassle to upgrade, a new operating system could become a barrier to being comfortable with your system. It’s fabulous that you’re surfing the Web in your golden years—why rock the boat?

Make sure you’re backing up all of your current files, then just wait until your current computer dies or is no longer meeting your needs. When that happens, you can ask someone tech-savvy to set up a new system for you.

Please note that until then, you may have to stick with the software you have; any new applications may not be compatible with XP.

Think you can stump the geeks? Send your high-tech question to stumpthegeeks@newsobserver.com. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. Individual replies are not given.

In Celebration of Her New Life

Maria “Kit” Taman Seman

MARCH 29, 1947 – AUGUST 17, 2010

In Her new Life, She Now Joins Her:

Child: Mario Seman Fejeran
Parents: Juan M. Seman & Esperanza Taman Seman
Brother: Vicente Taman Seman
Sister: Juanita “Lulu” Taman Seman Malone
In-Laws: Lawrence Johnson, Zacharias M. & Natividad F. Tudela, Isidro T. & Rosa T. Fejeran-Malite, Ramon T. Fejeran

She Will Be Greatly Missed By Her:

Ex-Husband: Ben T. Fejeran
Children: Michael S. / Chelita B. Fejeran, Kevin & Chelsea Matthew S. / Laura T. Fejeran, Tyler, Bryce, Tiana & Brianna Marcus S. / Gemma G. Fejeran, Alexis, Ricky, Danielle, Shawntei & Miana Murphy S. Fejeran/Juanita A. Pua, Dennis, Caroline & Kathleen Bonicia S. Fejeran / Sean D. Serrano, JJ, Donnie, Keoni & Seanicia

Brothers & Sisters: Visitacion Teregeyo
† Vicente T. / Miriam K. Seman
Margarita S. / † Lawrence Johnson
Bernadita S. / Vicente Villagomez
Anthony T. Seman
Joseph T. & Susan Seman
Hope S. Hempstead / Jeffrey
Moses T. & Anna Fejeran
Felipe T. & Carmen A. Fejeran
† Ramon T. & Edith C. Fejeran
† Isidro T. & Marlene Fejeran
Sophia M. Fejeran

In-Laws:

She is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

On Sunday, August 22, 2010, last respects will be held from 8:00 am – 11:00 am at Cabrera Funeral Services. Viewing from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm followed by Memorial Service, 1:00 pm at Grace Christian Assembly, Navy Hill, Saipan. Interment will be at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Saipan.

Lunch will be served immediately after burial at the Joeten-Daidai Social Hall.

Thank you, Si Yu’us Ma’ase, and Ghilissou,

The Family

Death and Funeral Annoucement

In celebration of her new life

Rita Sablan Palacios

Lovingly known as “Ritan Neni”
DOB: August 30, 1955
DOD: August 17, 2010

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her children, spouse and grandchildren.
Dwayne James Palacios Camacho & Kelly Lacey (Xavier Joshua Sablan Camacho)
Jason Peter Palacios Camacho
Sheila Yvonne Palacios Camacho (Shohana Lynn & Keoni James Camacho Raisang)

Brothers/Sisters & Spouses:
Roman S. & Patricia T. Palacios & Family
Jesusa P. & Joaquin M. Iglecias & Family
George S. & Lydia R. Palacios & Family
Antonia P. & Jay J. Corral & Family
Darlene P. Macaranas & Family
David S. & Margarita M. Palacios & Family
Anuncia S. Palacios & Adam Mazon & daughter
Jesse S. Palacios & Mylyn Juni & Daughters

Aunties & Uncles:
Tomasa C. Naraja & Family
Ana C. Toy & Son
Antonia C. & Fermin M. Sakisat & Family
Jesus D. & Victorina C. Sablan & Family
Francisco M. Palacios & Family
Jose S. Pinarla & Family

Ritan Neni is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and relatives.

In her new life, she now joins:
Mother: † Anuncia Sablan Palacios
Father: † Jesus Muna Palacios

Brother in Law:
† Richard I. Macaranas

Daily mass is being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00am and nightly rosary is also being offered at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 7:00pm.

On August 25, 2010 (Wednesday) her remains will be escorted from Borja’s Funeral Homes to Mount Carmel Cathedral at 8:30am. Viewing and last respects begin at 9:00am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by the interment services at Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and un dangkulo na si Yu’us Ma’ase.

GINEN I FAMAGUON YAN I FAMILIA

Life & Style

Cameron Diaz tops list of riskiest celeb searches

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—If you're looking for Cameron Diaz, Julia Roberts or Jessica Biel online, look out!

The movie stars top the latest list of the most dangerous celebrities to search for online, according to new research by computer-security software maker McAfee Inc.

It's far from an Oscar, but landing atop McAfee's annual list carries a distinction all its own: It means that criminals believe those celebs are the perfect lures to sucker people into visiting malicious websites.

Clicking onto strange sites is sketchy to begin with. But many people do, and their computers get infected. Once a computer is infected, criminals can steal victims' online banking passwords, e-mail passwords, and do other kinds of nasty deeds.

Attaching famous people's names to malicious sites is a well-worn ruse, to fool people looking at search results into thinking they're heading to a



In this July 23, 2010 file photo, US actor Cameron Diaz poses on the red carpet to promote the film 'Knight and Day' in Bordeaux, Southwestern France.

legitimate site.

The other most-dangerous celebrities to look for online, according to McAfee, are Gisele Bündchen, Brad Pitt, Adriana Lima, Jennifer Love Hewitt,

Nicole Kidman, Tom Cruise, Heidi Klum, Penelope Cruz and Anna Paquin.

McAfee performed its tests in July using the company's technology for identifying dan-

gerous websites. The rankings measure the likelihood that someone looking for things such as photos and videos of those celebrities would land on a malicious site.

Wear wristwatch? Use e-mail? Not for Class of '14

By DINESH RAMDE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MILWAUKEE—For students entering college this fall, e-mail is too slow, phones have never had cords and the computers they played with as kids are now in museums.

The Class of 2014 thinks of Clint Eastwood more as a sensitive director than as Dirty Harry urging punks to "go ahead, make my day." Few incoming freshmen know how to write in cursive or have ever worn a wristwatch.

These are among the 75 items on this year's Beloit College Mindset List. The compilation, released Tuesday, is assembled each year by two officials at this private school of about 1,400 students in Beloit, Wis.

The list is meant to remind teachers that cultural references familiar to them might draw blank stares from college freshmen born mostly in 1992.

Of course, it can also have the unintended consequence of making people feel old.

Remember when Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Dan Quayle or Rodney King were in the news? These kids don't.

Ever worry about a Russian missile strike on the U.S.? During these students' lives, Russians and Americans have always been living together in outer space.

Being aware of the generation gap helps professors craft lesson plans that are more meaningful,

said Ron Nief, a former public affairs director at Beloit College and one of the list's creators.

Nief and English professor Tom McBride have assembled the Mindset List for 13 years. They say it's given them an unusual perspective on cultural shifts.

For example, as item No. 13 on the list says, "Parents and teachers feared that Beavis and Butt-head might be the voice of a lost generation."

With far edgier content available today, such as "South Park" or online videos that push the envelope, there's something quaint about recalling the hand-wringing that the MTV cartoon

prompted, Nief said.

"I think we do that with every generation — we look back and say,

what were we getting so upset about?" he said. "A, kids out-grow it and B, in retrospect we realize it really wasn't that bad."

Another Mindset List item reflects a possible shift in Hollywood attitudes. Item No. 12 notes: "Clint Eastwood is better known as a sensitive director than as Dirty Harry."

A number of incoming freshmen said they partially agreed with the item, noting they were familiar with Eastwood's work as an actor even if they hadn't seen his films.

"I know he directed movies but I also know he's supposed to be sort of bad-ass," said Aaron Ziontz, 18, from Seattle.

Jessica Peck, a 17-year-old

from Portland, Ore., disagreed with two items on the list — one that says few students know how to write in cursive, and another that suggests this generation seldom if ever uses snail mail.

"Snail mail's kind of fun. When I have time I like writing letters to friends and family," she said. "It's just a bit more personal. And yes, I write in cursive."

Peck did agree with the item pointing out that most teens have never used telephones with cords.

"Yes, I've used them but only at my grandparents' house," she said.

That's the sort of comment that can make a person feel old. McBride jokes that he's not immune from feeling ancient just because he compiles the items. But the 65-year-old said the lists can also reveal a larger truth about tolerance.

The "Beavis and Butt-head" item suggests that maybe parents shouldn't overreact every time a controversy arises, he noted. For example, maybe it's no big deal if college freshmen misspell words when they text, and maybe their attention spans will be just fine even though they grew up in the Internet age, he said.

"There's something about the resilience of human nature that renders these gloom-and-doom prophecies moot after a while," he said. "I can't say for sure, but it looks like the track record of these very anxious prophets has not been impressive over the years."

'Eat Pray Love' star Julia Roberts happy as is

By ERIC TALMADGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TOKYO (AP)—Julia Roberts isn't planning a spiritual journey of her own after making the film based on the hit travel memoir "Eat Pray Love."

Roberts, a happily married mother of three, said she read and enjoyed Elizabeth Gilbert's best-seller long before the proposed movie script came across her desk and she jumped at the role. But she added she isn't looking to make any big alterations in her own life.

"No, no changes," Roberts said Wednesday in Tokyo, where she is promoting the movie's release. "I'm good."

Roberts, who was raised a Catholic but is a practicing Hindu, said the film offered her a chance to draw from her own



Actress Julia Roberts claps hands during a press conference to promote her new film "Eat Pray Love" in Tokyo Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2010.

experiences, but she said she did not convert because of the role.

Beyond that, she said she would keep her beliefs to herself.

"I've realized something my mother told me 22 years ago," she said. "You're an actor, act. Don't talk about politics or religion."

One departure for Roberts, 42, does lie ahead.

Roberts has done little TV work, but she is a producer of a documentary series, "Extraordinary Moms," airing in January on Oprah Winfrey's new cable network.

Roberts' next big-screen project is "Larry Crowne," which is set for release next year and reunites her with Tom Hanks.

On her work and longevity as one of Hollywood's most sought-after stars, she said her inspiration has never waned.

"Loving what you do is the secret to everything," she said. "I really do love the creative part of making movies."

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Elisabeth Shue, Adam Scott
Horror • Rated R

Synopsis

Haute Tension and Hills Have Eyes director Alexandre Aja pays homage to the films that made him fall in love with the horror genre by helming this comedic remake of director Joe Dante's 1978 Jaws parody.



Vampires Suck

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Saturday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Sunday	1:15	4:15	7:15
Mon through Thurs	4:15	7:15	

Matt Lanter, Chris Riggi
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Vampires Suck is a comedy about contemporary teen angst and romance movies. Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose, Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasses Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends content with their own romantic issues — all of which collide at the prom.



The Expendables

Friday	4:10	7:20	9:30
Saturday	1:20	4:10	7:20
Sunday	1:20	4:10	7:20
Mon through Thurs	4:10	7:20	

Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham
War • Rated R



Scott Pilgrim Versus The World

Friday	4:05	7:05	9:40
Saturday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Sunday	1:05	4:05	7:05
Mon through Thurs	4:05	7:05	

Michael Cera, Chris Evans
Adventure • Rated PG 13



Salt

Friday	4:25	7:25	9:55
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25
Mon through Thurs	4:25	7:25	

Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber
Thriller • Rated PG 13



The Other Guys

Friday	4:20	7:10	9:35
Saturday	1:10	4:20	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:20	7:10
Mon through Thurs	4:20	7:10	

Mark Wahlberg, Will Farrell
Comedy • Rated PG 13



Inception

Friday	7:00	9:50
Saturday	7:00	9:50
Sunday	7:00	
Mon through Thurs	7:00	

Leonardo DiCaprio, Marion Cotillard
Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13



Cats and Dogs: Revenge of Kitty Galore

Friday	4:00
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Sunday	1:00
Mon through Thurs	4:00

Alec Baldwin, Chris O'Donnell
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AP source: Tyler says he'll be an 'Idol' judge

NEW YORK (AP)—A source close to Steven Tyler says the Aerosmith frontman told the source he will be a judge on Fox's "American Idol" next season.

While an official announcement about Tyler has yet to come from Fox and the producers of the top-rated show, the source told The Associated Press on Wednesday, "there is no reason to refute" Tyler's account. The source spoke only on the condition of anonymity because the source was not authorized to comment publicly

on the matter.

Fox and producers Freeman-Medley and North America and 19 Entertainment had no comment on the report.

The "Idol" judging panel has been in flux with the departure of mainstay Simon Cowell, as well as Ellen DeGeneres' recent announcement that she would not return for a second season.

In this Nov. 9, 2009 file photo, Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler attends the Glamour Magazine 2009 Women of the Year Awards at Carnegie Hall in New York.



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Lawsuits over proposed Bruce Willis film dismissed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Court records show dueling lawsuits between Bruce Willis and three film companies over a failed film project have been dismissed. The companies sued Willis for \$4 million in March 2009, alleging he broke a contract to direct a film titled "Three Stories About Joan." Willis countersued for nearly \$9 million a few days later, claiming the companies failed to show they had the money for the project on time. Court filings in Los Angeles show the cases were dismissed Monday. No additional details were provided, and attorneys for Willis and the companies, Foresight Unlimited, Signature Entertainment Group and Three Stories Productions, did not immediately return phone messages seeking comment.

Kanye can attend Suge suit mediation by phone

MIAMI (AP) — Hip-hop star Kanye West won't have to attend in person a mediation session aimed at resolving a lawsuit filed against him by rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight. A Miami federal judge recently agreed to permit West to take part in the Aug. 26 session by phone. West's lawyers say he can't be there personally because of a long-standing business commitment outside the continental U.S. Knight is seeking more than \$1 million in damages from West and his companies. Knight was shot in the leg at a 2005 Miami Beach party hosted by West, whom he blames for lax security. West, Knight and their lawyers met in New York for six hours in June but failed to settle the case. The shooter has never been identified and the case is unsolved.

Bono says U2 is working on a 'club-sounding' album

NEW YORK (AP) — You too will dance to U2. Bono tells Rolling Stone that the band is working on "club-sounding" album. The bands also plans to release a rock album and "Songs of Ascent," a set of tunes from the recording session of their latest disc, 2009's "No Line On the Horizon." Bono and The Edge will also score for the upcoming Spider-Man musical. Bono had emergency back surgery in Munich in May. The group's 360-degrees World Tour resumed on Aug. 6 in Turin. Bono says he thinks he "could have made a limp work." He adds: "There are a lot bigger problems out there than the ones I was facing. ... But I came out of it perfect. And I feel incredibly grateful." The September issue of Rolling Stone hits newsstands Friday.

'Listen Up!' Betty White has 2-book deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The next stage in Betty White's ever-rising career: books. The 88-year-old actress has a two-book deal with G.P. Putnam's Sons, starting in 2011 with "Listen Up!" The publisher said Wednesday that the book will include what White has learned over "her incredibly varied, decades-long career in Hollywood." Subjects will include life, love, sex and celebrity. White, known for such sitcoms as "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Golden Girls," this year became the oldest person to host "Saturday Night Live." She's starring in the new TV Land original sitcom, "Hot in Cleveland."

Liverpool to demolish Beatle birthplace

LONDON (AP) — Liverpool is planning to bulldoze the house where the former Beatle's drummer Ringo Starr lived out the first three months of his life. The city, which was the home of the famed band, said Wednesday that Starr only lived in the house for a short time and that it would cost 150,000 pounds (\$233,000) to simply stop it from falling down. It is planning to replace the home and several others in hopes of sprucing up the area's downmarket housing. The home where Starr lived for 20 years on Liverpool's Admiral Grove is still standing and being lived in. Britain's National Trust has preserved the homes of Paul McCartney and John Lennon.

Lohan's father nearly free of harassment charge

HAMPTON BAYS, New York (AP) — Lindsay Lohan's father has been told that if he stays out of trouble, criminal charges against him on eastern Long Island will be dropped. Michael Lohan's ex-fiancee told a Southampton Town justice on Wednesday that she no longer wants to pursue criminal charges against him in a fight they had last month in the home they shared in Water Mill. Lohan and Kate Major appeared side-by-side for the brief court proceeding but went their separate ways after Major explained that she wanted a harassment charge filed against Lohan to be dropped. She also said an order of protection she acquired against him was no longer necessary; she did not explain her change of heart. "They'll both go back to their private lives and this thing's behind them," Major's attorney said outside the courthouse. Major did not comment to reporters.

Seymour, Lysacek among judges for Miss Universe

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Actress Jane Seymour and Olympic gold-medal figure skater Evan Lysacek are among eight celebrity judges who will pick the next Miss Universe at a pageant in Las Vegas. Pageant officials said Wednesday the panel also includes actors Chazz Palminteri and William Baldwin, magician Criss Angel, MSNBC anchor Tamron Hall, actress Chynna Phillips, drummer Shiela E. and supermodel Niki Taylor. The international beauty contest will be held Monday at the Mandalay Bay casino-resort on the Las Vegas Strip. It will be hosted by Poison frontman Bret Michaels and NBC correspondent Natalie Morales.

Video game lets players be 'Bad' to Jackson hits

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An upcoming video game starring Michael Jackson is set to be "Bad." Video game publisher Ubisoft announced Wednesday its dancing-and-singing "Michael Jackson The Experience" game will feature such Jackson hits as "Bad," "Beat It" and "Billie Jean." The title is scheduled to be released later this year for the Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Wii, as well as the handheld consoles Nintendo DS and PlayStation Portable. Other tunes for the game centered on the late King of Pop include "Earth Song," "The Girl Is Mine," "Who Is It" and "Workin' Day And Night." "Michael Jackson The Experience" will be among the first to use Kinect and Move, the new gesture-recognition systems for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3.

Popcorn? Licorice? Blood? Bedbugs hit NYC theaters

NEW YORK (AP)—Bedbugs have attacked a popular movie theater in Times Square as New York battles the persistent pests. The AMC Empire 25 in Times Square was sprayed overnight and reopened Wednesday. A guest at the AMC Magic Johnson Harlem 9 theater also reported a bite in late July. Spokesman Justin Scott says all AMC theaters in Manhattan has been inspected. He says the chain takes every report seriously and acts to ensure the health of guests and employees. Bedbugs were found in two seats at the Empire 25 during an Aug. 3 inspection, and a guest reported being bitten this past weekend. Pest control experts were called, the seats were removed and new ones were installed. Bedbugs also have been found in several New York stores. City officials have instituted plans to fight the infestations.

Dad's chronic cheating strains daughter's trust in boyfriend

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My father is having an affair—another one. It is not the first time I have found evidence of it. I was using his computer to work on my grandmother's memorial and an IM popped up from a woman telling him to meet her at a family event my mother was not supposed to attend. Her message to Dad was extremely sexual and very upsetting.

The "other woman" is an old high school friend of my parents' and a friend of the family. I have confronted my father in the past, even threatened to end my relationship with him if it didn't stop.

My heart breaks for Mama, but she loves Dad so much she will stand by him through anything. Somehow, I always manage to get stuck in the middle of their marital problems, and I was even blamed for their separation five years ago.

This has affected my relationship with my boyfriend because I have extreme trust issues. I find myself hating my father more and more each day. Please help me before I lose my sanity.

DAUGHTER OF A CHEATER

DEAR DAUGHTER: For your own emotional well-being you must remove yourself from the drama and dysfunction in your parents' marriage. You cannot fix what's wrong with it; your father doesn't want to and your mother appears to have made peace—if you can call it that—with his infidelities.

Not all men are like your father. Many men respect women and are capable of having loving, monogamous marriages. You need professional help, and with good reason, and I urge you to get it. If you don't, your hatred of your father may color the way you regard all men, and it will always be a problem.

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DEAR ABBY: We have some longtime friends, the "Got-rocks," who frequently come over for dinner. When they do, they bring "house gifts"—commercially made cakes, Danish, etc. that are well past their expiration dates—then brag about how much they saved on the food.

My wife and I limit our intake of sugar, high-fat and processed foods, and the Gotrocks are aware of it because we have told them, but they persist. I am offended that they would offer low-quality food that I wouldn't serve an animal.

What should I do? Accept the garbage gracefully, not serve it and deep-six it after they leave, or tell them to stop bringing it?

Incidentally, money isn't an issue here; they proudly admit they are cheap.

OFFENDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OFFENDED: Having been put on notice that you and your wife do not consume sugary, high-fat and processed foods, the Gotrocks already know they are bringing an inappropriate house gift. Here's how I'd handle it: The next time they come, make a point of serving their gift to THEM for dessert—while you and your wife enjoy a healthy portion of fresh fruit. If they enjoy it—fine. If they look askance, you will have made your point. Waste not, want not.

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DEAR ABBY: How do you respond to an overweight person who says she's fat? Or a short person who says she's short? Or to anyone else who points out a true physical flaw that goes against today's ridiculous standard of beauty? I am in a sorority and this happens all the time.

Please don't tell me to say that their personalities are beautiful—even if it's true—because what these girls want to hear is that they are physically beautiful.

THE UGLY TRUTH FAIRY

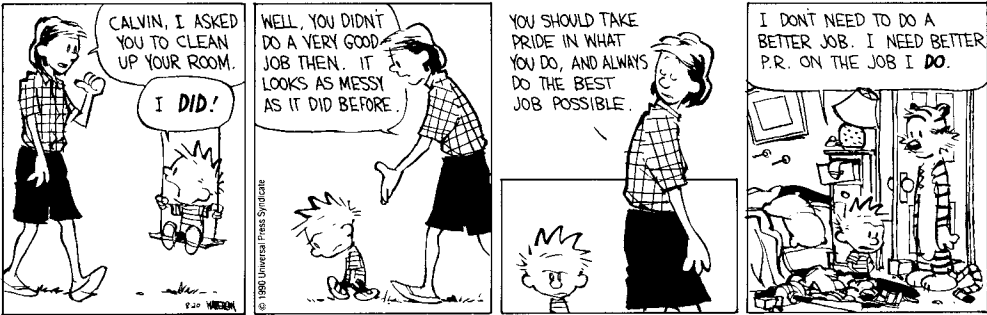
DEAR UGLY TRUTH FAIRY: Don't lie. But if you're socially adept, you'll find something nice to say—unless you want to be as welcome as a skunk at a picnic. The girl with the weight problem may have beautiful skin or a fabulous head of hair. And the short girl may have such beautiful posture that people regard her as graceful. Get it?

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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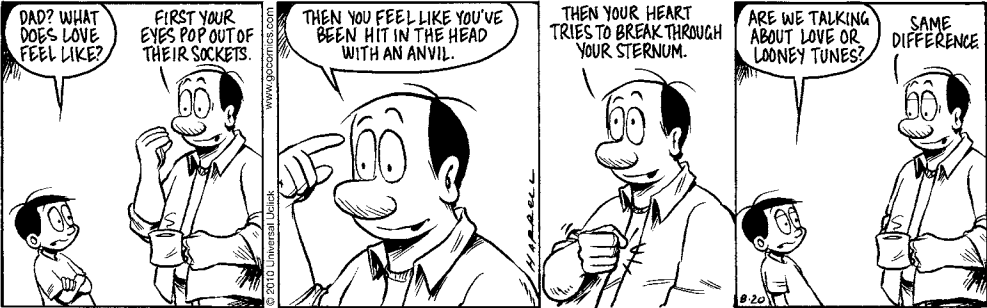
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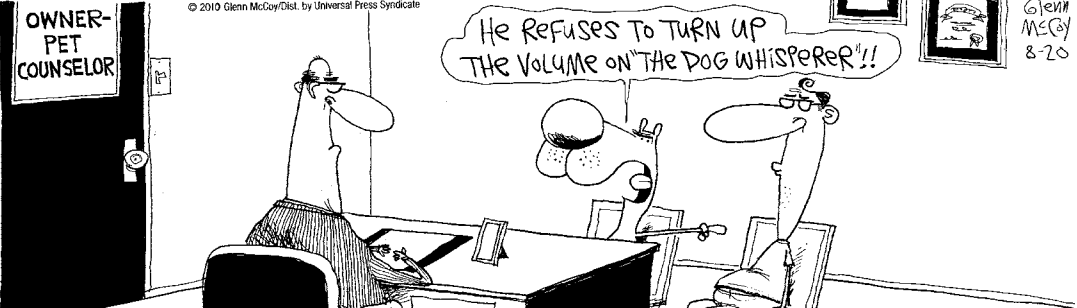
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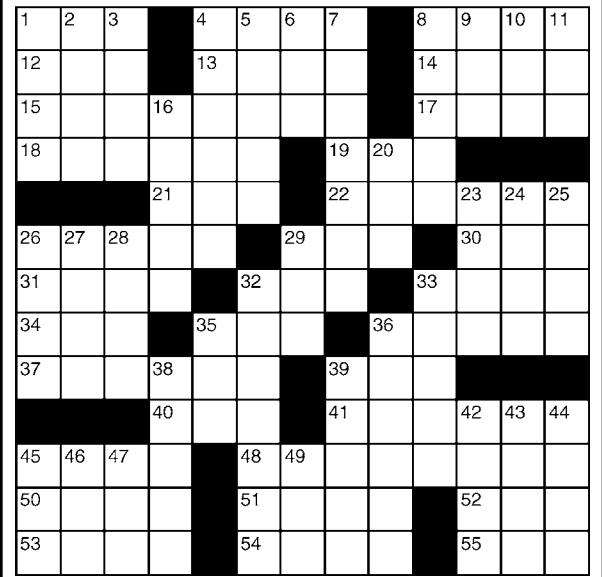
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Happy Birthday: Don't push your luck, especially with emotional matters that can disrupt your whole life. You will walk a fine line this year and must think each matter through before taking action. There will not be a lot of second chances to fall back on. You must not let anyone take advantage of your desire to help. Your numbers are 3, 14, 21, 27, 31, 38, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): There is no point arguing or trying to get out of something that is expected of you. A partnership will take all the patience you can muster. Don't look at uncertainty as a negative but rather as a long overdue—and necessary—change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a leadership role and guide everyone you want to persuade down the road you want to travel. This is the perfect time to show what you have to offer. Be the driving force and you will reap the rewards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What you think is going on may not be the case. Do your homework and observe how others react. Flexibility will be required if you want to get things up and running and stay on schedule. Save your evening hours for romance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be up against more opposition than you realize. Don't overreact or you will give

your position away, leaving you with little maneuverability. Your ability to give and take will help you achieve your goals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You really need a vacation or at least a change of scenery. Uncertainty regarding friends, neighbors and relatives may put you in an awkward position. Don't take on a burden that doesn't belong to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have the right to make a choice, regardless of the pressure being put on you by an old friend. To fight the inevitable is a waste of time. Your pragmatic attitude will carry you through any opposition.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be subject to ridicule and added responsibilities. Before you take on too much, consider how it will influence you and the ones you love. A burden brought on by someone else will not help you move forward with your own plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get rid of the people dragging you down. Look forward with optimism and clear the way for completion of a project that can make a difference to your financial future. Focus on your own pursuits, goals and happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is money to be made and recognition to be gained. Don't allow someone else to beat you to the finish line because you are tied up with personal matters. Don't overspend or you may appear frivolous.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll encounter plenty of opposition if you try to push what you want onto others. Financial moves should be made in secret. Moderation will directly link to the degree of success you have.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not trust others to take care of matters that need your undivided attention. The potential to make money or come into extra cash is apparent. Negotiate anything and you will get your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): This is a day of give and take and gaining a better understanding of what's required to reach your goals. Don't give in to a partnership that isn't offering equality.

Birthday Baby: You tend to be reserved. You are not a player and will not put up with anyone who doesn't offer you equality. You are make your way through life, following your own rules.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 8/20

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD® By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD (1917-2010) Solution: 8 letters

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Academic, Armed, Award, Baptist, Body, Budget, Coast, Committee, C-SPAN, Dance, Democrat, Dogs, Energy, Erma Ora, Grants, House, Long, Marjorie, Mine, Minority, Mona, Prize, Rating, Readiness, Representative, Research, Roles, Roman, Schools, Senate, Service, Share, Square, Teach, Test, Threats, Trouble, Valedictorian, Veterans, Virginia, Water, West, Whip

Yesterday's Answer: Classic

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRISTINE B. FIDELINO and CRISTETA B. FIDELINO, Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-0119

AMENDED SUMMONS

TO : CRISTETA B. FIDELINO

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file with the Superior Court any Answer you wish to make to the Complaint, within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the last publication, that being August 20, 2010, and to deliver or mail a copy of your Answer to the Law Offices of S. Joshua Berger, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Second Floor, D' Torres Building, Garapan, P.O. Box 504340, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By Order of the above Court:

DATE this 8th day of July, 2010.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Bldg., 1242 Pohnpei Ct.
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
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Email: bpl@pticom.com

Pursuant to P. L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, through the Board of Professional Licensing (BPL) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 at 9:00a.m. on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Board's office at Bldg. #1242, Pohnpei Ct., Capitol Hill, Saipan. Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (6/8/10)
V. Chairman's Report
VI. Director's Report
VII. Investigator's Report
VIII. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
A. Governor's Office
B. Legislature
IX. Old Business:
A. Status of H.B. 17-16
X. New Business:
A. Memo from OMB re BPL Fund Status
B. Letter from DEQ
XI. Applications for Board's Review
A. New/Renewal Applications
B. Pending Applications
XII. Miscellaneous Business:
XIII. Executive Session - The Board may vote to meet in Executive Session
A. JCT - Letter from Guam PEALS Board
XIV. Announcements
XV. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Francisco Q. Guerrero
Chairman

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 Closing Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2010

JVA NO.	Position Title	Positions	*Salary	Contract	Location
10-039	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	10	\$17,282.00	Two-year	Power Generation, Saipan
10-040	Trades Technician (Machinist)	1	\$17,282.00	Two-year	Power Generation, Saipan
10-041	Trades Technician (Welder)	1	\$17,282.00	Two-year	Power Generation, Saipan
10-042	Trades Technician (Electrician)	1	\$17,282.00	Two-year	Power Generation, Saipan
10-043	Trades Technician (Electrician)	1	\$17,282.00	Two-year	Power Plant, Rota
10-044	Accounting Assistant (Cashier)	1	\$12,263.00	Two-year	Accounting, Rota
10-045	Administrative Support Technician	1	\$13,625.00	Two-year	Administration, Rota

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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT NO.:10-052
OPENING DATE: 07/23/2010
CLOSING DATE: CONTINUOUS

REANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement is for the purpose of developing an Open, Competitive, and Promotional Eligible list. It is the policy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Public Auditor that the personnel system shall be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, handicap or place of origin.

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\$33,500 to \$42,000 P/A

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LOCATION: Office of the Public Auditor (OPA), Saipan

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

To investigate cases relating to fraud, waste and abuse and theft in the collection and expenditure of public funds; the procurement of goods and services by the Commonwealth; and matters relating to compliance with the Government Ethics Code; to develop facts and evidence supporting criminal and civil actions; to provide investigative assistance and support to other law enforcement agencies; to investigate cases of government agencies, activities, operations, contract, and grants of the CNMI (including local and federally-funded programs), in accordance with legislative requirements and federal agency requirements; to perform other related duties as assigned by the Public Auditor.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university preferred (minimum graduation from a high school or equivalency degree); and Graduate of a Federal, State, or local law enforcement academy, and be certified on either a Federal or a State level as a law enforcement officer; and at least two years of investigative experience as a serving law enforcement officer with either a Federal, State or local law enforcement agency. Background checks will be performed. Applicant must have no criminal convictions.

CONDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

This position is **"EXEMPT"** under 4 CMC §9223 from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and is not eligible for overtime or compensatory time.

Also, pursuant to 1 CMC §2305, no OPA employee may actively engage in any other business, profession, or governmental office.

CONTACT PERSON: For more information, contact Mr. Juan Santos, OPA Chief Investigator or Joe Przyuski, OPA Legal Counsel at telephone number (670) 322-3937/3938/3939, fax number (670) 322-7812, or via email at mail@opacnmi.com.

NOTE TO APPLICANT:

Applicants must be citizens of the United States and have a valid United States passport prior to being hired. Also, applicants must be willing to travel as part of their duties to countries such as the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, etc.

Education and training claimed under item 19 (A) through (F) of the Application for Employment must be substantiated by an official school transcript, diploma, or certificate. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL RESULT IN AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD SEND THEIR CURRENT APPLICATION FORMS TO:

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J.M. Building, Garapan	Songsong Village	San Jose Village
Saipan, MP 96950	Rota, MP 96951	Tinian, MP 96952

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INVITATION TO BID
ITB10-GOV-157

Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan MP

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Puerto Rico Dump Final Closure, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Friday, August 27, 2010 at Pacific Quick Print & Post, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan, MP. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, amount to be determined is required for a set of the project package. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill. At the time of award, prospective bidder must obtain a U.S. Treasury Bond before a contract is executed.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project Thursday, September 09, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Saipan local time, at the project site, Industrial Drive, Puerto Rico, Saipan, MP. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Saipan local time September 13, 2010 to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, Office of the Capitol Improvement, 1st Floor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB10-GOV-157"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 04, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time October 04, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than October 04, 2010 and must be received close of business, October 14, 2010 (Saipan Local Time). Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 15, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, October 04, 2010.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must be U.S. Treasury Listed and possess unencumbered assets equal to the penal amount of each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is three hundred sixty five (365) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) five hundred dollars (\$500.00.), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by three hundred sixty five (365) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
 Procurement and Supply, DOF



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 P.O. Box 501220 CK, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-044

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- OMB Circular A-133
- Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
- Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)

The following information must be included in the audit proposals:

- Title Page**
 - RFP Subject
 - Name of Firm
 - Local Address
 - Telephone Numbers
 - Name of Contact Persons
 - Submission Date
- Transmittal Letter**
 - A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period stipulated
 - State all inclusive fees for which the audit will be performed.
- Firm's Profile**
 - Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel professional/educational background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client listing.
 - The firm shall make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.

The date of contract award will be no later than September 30, 2010. Audit work shall be commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2011.

One (1) original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-044, Financial & Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2010" to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time, on September 14, 2010.**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Approach to Project (25 maximum points) | 3. Experience on Similar Projects (25 maximum points) |
| 2. Qualification of the Principal and Proposed Staff (25 maximum points) | 4. Time to Complete the Project (20 maximum points) |
| | 5. Cost (5 maximum points) |

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950; Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, at email address charles_warren@cucgov.net; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Procurement & Supply Manager at email address msablan@cucgov.net.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC..

/s/ ANTONION S. MUNA
 Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
CUC-RFP-10-045

USED OIL REMOVAL, TANK CLEANING, AND INSPECTION at ROTA POWER PLANT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "TANK CLEANING" - at its Rota Power Plant, in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated Order No. 2 (SO2) response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

- Project 1:**
 - Workplan Preparation;
 - Used Oil Removal, Cleaning, and Inspection of Tank R2 (20,000 USG , each), used for used oil storage;
 - Used Oil Removal, Cleaning and Inspection of tank R3 (5,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
 - Removal of diesel, Cleaning, and Inspection of tank R1 (231,000 USG), used for diesel storage;
 - Lube Oil Removal, Cleaning, and Inspection of tank R 4 (9,000USG), used for new lube oil storage;
 - Removal of used oil in Drums

- Project 2:**
 - Workplan preparation;
 - Repair R2, after cleaning
 - Repair R3, after cleaning;
 - Repair R4 after cleaning;
 - Repair R1 after cleaning

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

Proposal Submission - One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-10-045 USED OIL REMOVAL AND TANK CLEANING at ROTA POWER PLANT" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220 Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 31, 2010 at 10:00 AM (CHST) local time**. Late submissions will not be considered.

The Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until August 26, 2010. A non-refundable payment of \$200 will be required for each set of Plans, Specification, and Proposal Forms.**

- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 26, 2010 at 1200 PM** CUC ROTA Power Plant, ROTA.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A performance and payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety for proposal security. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a U.S. Treasury listed company. No advance payment will be authorized on the project or an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (100% aggregate contract cost/CUC Beneficiary) or a payment bond. All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.
- The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>. The contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.
- This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of Interior.

Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time **on August 27, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Support Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Project Manager, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. **CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.**

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
 Assistant Executive Director for Operation

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 Executive Director

Wade returns to Chicago for weekend of charity



MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade knows what he's going to hear for the next few days. It's the same question he's been getting for the past few weeks.

"So, why didn't you pick the Bulls?"

Hey, when you're a native son of Chicago and you rebuke the advances of your hometown team, that's a fair question. And the newly re-signed Miami Heat guard fully expects to be on the receiving end of it often between now and Sunday, while hosting a number of charity-themed events to help underprivileged kids.

"I expect to hear that for a while," Wade told The Associated Press on Wednesday from Chicago, where his Wade's World Foundation will hold events involving more than 1,000 children this weekend. "But kids are fans of the game of basketball and fans of certain players as well. They think it's cool in a way. It's moreso the adults who don't understand why you didn't choose their cities."

Wade became a free agent July 1, and met with the Bulls twice, eventually conceding that he was deeply torn between offers from Miami and Chicago. Even his family couldn't come to a consensus on where the 2006 NBA finals MVP should spend the next few seasons playing.

By now, everyone knows how the story ends.

Chris Bosh picked Miami, Wade quickly decided to join him and one day later, LeBron James gave the Heat a triple sweep of the three biggest prizes available during this summer's

free-agent period. So now, Wade finds himself in the delicate balance of enjoying Chicago while trying to avoid the city's disappointment.

"Whatever jersey I'm wearing, I'm still here," Wade said. "I'm still in the community, I think I'm doing something impactful and bigger than the game of basketball. It had nothing to do with Chicago. It had nothing to do with the Chicago Bulls. It had everything to do with Miami and what we had a chance to do down there."

So far, Wade—who hosts two basketball camps in Chicago, plus has a mother who holds events at her church in the city—said the support he's seen from his hometown has been unwavering.

"The kids can separate it. It's moreso the adults we have to fight against," Wade said. "It's just not their lives. ... At the end of the day, I'm sure that if I'm happy, they will be happy for me in the long run. It's the same thing in Ohio for LeBron. He looks happy. He says he's very happy with his decision and I think people can respect that."

Wade's weekend of events includes a benefit with rapper-actor Common to support a youth center, a bowling party where teams of six can rent a lane for \$2,500, a youth summit, a "Chicago's Got Talent" showcase for kids, and a back-to-school supplies giveaway with haircut stations and even places where kids can get uniforms for the coming school year.

"I didn't want this to be about celebrities," Wade said. "I wanted this weekend to be about the city of Chicago, to its core. At the end of the day, this is for

the community and about them."

His summer gets hectic from here.

Wade is scheduled for business meetings in New York next week, continuing to build his brand and add to his marketability. And on Sept. 8, Wade and his ex-wife are set to begin a custody trial that is projected to last for two weeks begins in Chicago, meaning it's quite possible the six-time All-Star won't be back in Miami to start preparing for the season as quickly as he'd like.

Wade has been working with Heat assistant coach David Fizdale of late, and expects to continue doing so for the rest of the summer.

"I'm sure the Heat are going to do an unbelievable job of giving me the things I need," Wade said.

Wade has also been in regular contact with close friend Udonis Haslem, his teammate in Miami for the past seven years. It's been a tumultuous summer for Haslem. His mother died recently after a long illness, and he now faces a felony marijuana-possession charge following a traffic stop on Sunday.

"He's doing all right," Wade said. "Without knowing exactly everything that has happened, I know this has been hard for UD, because he's been going through a lot. This offseason, there's been a lot on him. I told him this is a challenge that he has to overcome. Everyone has that time, and this is his time. UD is a stand-up guy. It's unfortunate he's involved in this mistake. But he'll move on."

Wade expects the same from those that are upset over him not picking the Bulls.

NBA BRIEFS

Cavs' Varejao OK after ankle sprain

CLEVELAND (AP)—Cavaliers forward Anderson Varejao is not expected to miss any time after spraining his right ankle while playing in an exhibition game for Brazil's national team. Varejao hurt his ankle in a collision during a game on Wednesday in Logrono, Spain. A spokeswoman for Brazil's team said an MRI exam after the game was normal. Varejao is expected to play against France as the Brazilians tune up for the world championships, which begin Aug. 28 in Turkey. One of the NBA's top reserves, the 6-foot-11 Varejao averaged 8.6 points and 7.6 rebounds in 76 games for the Cavaliers last season. The team will be counting on him following the departures of LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal. A Cavs spokesman said the team has been in contact with Varejao, who explained what happened and confirmed that tests were negative.

Henry, Grizzlies remain in contract stalemate

GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—Xavier Henry slipped on a blue Memphis Grizzlies jersey with his name and the No. 13 on it. Still to be determined is if he will wear it in games. The first-round pick still hasn't signed his contract, with the Grizzlies not willing to guarantee the maximum salary allowable under the rookie scale. Teams can pay players up to 120 percent of their scale amount, which this season is

about \$1.7 million for the No. 12 pick. However, the Grizzlies would like to tie the extra 20 percent to bonuses. So the swingman from Kansas remains unsigned, saying Tuesday he is working out, but otherwise just waiting for a call and isn't sure what will happen. "I'm letting my agent take care of the contract situation so I'm just sitting here waiting for the word," Henry said at the New York Knicks' training facility, where he was photographed for his Panini trading card.

Stephenson knows Bird is upset, plans to chat

GREENBURGH, N.Y. (AP)—Though he has not spoken to anyone from the Indiana Pacers, Lance Stephenson is well aware of Larry Bird's disappointment with his arrest. Stephenson says he heard about Bird's strongly worded statement that was critical of his actions and plans to speak to the Pacers president. "I'm just going to try to stay focused," Stephenson said Tuesday at the New York Knicks' training facility, where he joined other rookies getting photographed for their Panini trading cards. "I'm going to talk to him, see how he feels about it and I'm going to move forward from it." Stephenson, 19, was arrested Sunday in New York on assault, menacing and harassment charges. Prosecutors said the Pacers' draft pick pushed his girlfriend down a flight of stairs, then grabbed her and hit her head on the bottom step.

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Phillies take wild-card lead from Giants



PHILADELPHIA (AP)—

The Philadelphia Phillies took a one-game lead over San Francisco in the National League wild-card race with a 9-3 win over the Giants on Tuesday.

Roy Oswalt (8-13) pitched seven sharp innings, allowing three runs and striking out seven.

Placido Polanco had four hits for Philadelphia, while Pat Burrell homered in his first regular-season game at Citizens Bank Park since 2008.

Dodgers 6, Rockies 0

In Los Angeles, the hosts returned from a tough road trip to blank Colorado.

Dodgers starter Clayton Kershaw (11-7) pitched seven scoreless innings, striking out six. He has not allowed a run against the Rockies in the past 26 innings he's pitched against them at Dodger Stadium.

Scott Podsednik and James Loney had two-run doubles during a five-run fifth for the Dodgers, whose road trip had resulted in Jonathan Broxton being removed from the closing role.

Braves 10, Nationals 2

In Atlanta, Diory Hernandez sparked Atlanta with a pinch-hit homer as the Braves downed Washington.

Atlanta won for the sixth time in seven games. All-Star Martin Prado returned from the

disabled list with three hits and Mike Minor (1-0) claimed his first big league win, although he trailed at the time he left.

Padres 1, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Jon Garland pitched seven scoreless innings to steer San Diego to a tight win over Chicago.

Garland (12-8) retired the last 12 batters he faced and surpassed his win total from last season.

Brewers 3, Cardinals 2

In St. Louis, Dave Bush pitched six stingy innings to bounce back from a start in which allowed four consecutive home runs, as Milwaukee edged St. Louis.

St. Louis' Albert Pujols hom-

ered for the eighth time in 14 games, leading off the fourth with his 31st of the season and 397th of his career. The Cardinals managed only three more singles against Bush (6-10) and have lost three in a row to NL Central also-rans.

Reds 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Paul Janish hit a tie-breaking solo homer in the seventh inning as Cincinnati opened a 12-game road trip with victory over Arizona.

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (13-7) overcame Kelly Johnson's early two-run homer to pitch into the eighth and help Cincinnati move 17 games over .500 (68-51) for the first time since 1999.

Astros 4, Mets 3

In Houston, Hunter Pence had a three-run homer in the first inning and his go-ahead solo shot in the eighth inning gave Houston the win over New York.

The game was tied 3-3 before Pence's shot to left field put Houston on top.

Marlins 6, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Florida won its first game in five, beating Pittsburgh.

Ricky Nolasco (14-8) pitched six shutout innings for the second consecutive start, extended his road winning streak to seven games and won for the fifth time in six starts overall. He struck out nine, and also went 2 for 3 with the bat, driving in two runs.

Rays 8, Rangers 6

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Evan Longoria hit a solo homer and drove in four runs to help the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Texas Rangers, completing a sweep of the three-game series between potential American League playoff opponents.

Longoria also had a pair of RBI doubles and a sacrifice fly, a night after getting three RBIs in a 10-1 win.

Twins 7, White Sox 6

In Minneapolis, Minnesota opened a season-high five-game lead over Chicago atop the AL Central.

Joe Mauer had four hits, two RBIs and his first regular season home run at Target Field.

Yankees 9, Tigers 5

In New York, Mark Teixeira homered in New York's ill-tempered win over Detroit.

Detroit pitcher Jeremy Bonderman (6-9) hit Brett Gardner in the leg with his first pitch. That was a response to an incident in Monday's game, when Gardner's hard slide took out Detroit second baseman Carlos Guillen, who suffered a bruised knee.

Red Sox 7, Angels 5

In Boston, the hosts took the lead on a wild pitch and a hit batsman to beat Los Angeles.

Angels' pitcher Kevin Jepsen (2-3) threw a bases-loaded wild pitch and, after an intentional walk reloaded the bases, hit pinch-hitter Daniel Nava to bring in the go-ahead run. Nava also may have saved a run in the eighth when he made a diving catch, ending the inning with runners on first and second.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 4

In Oakland, Cliff Pennington hit an RBI single in the bottom of the ninth to bail out Oakland's bullpen and beat Toronto.

The A's blew a 4-1 lead in the top of the ninth but managed to pull out the victory to remain undefeated in 51 games this season when they led after eight innings.

Royals 9, Indians 7

In Kansas City, Yuniesky Betancourt homered and drove in three runs as Kansas City beat Cleveland.

Betancourt had a two-run single in the fourth inning and hit his 12th homer in the sixth as the Royals took a 9-4 lead.

Mariners 6, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Matt Tuiasosopo extended his unlikely power surge with a three-run homer as Seattle beat Baltimore for its season-high fourth straight series win.

Tuiasosopo's drive off Jeremy Guthrie (7-12) in the second inning put Seattle ahead for good. Tuiasosopo, a seldom-used utility player, has two homers and seven RBIs over the last two games after totaling one homer and two RBIs in his first 30.

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**Civil Action
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NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 21, 2010, and pursuant to a prior withdrawn bid, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following parcel of property. *Please note: the "Brief Description" below is solely for ease of reference, and the Bank of Guam makes no warranty, representation, or guarantee as to condition or improvements included with the parcels of property.*

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This property is located in Dan Dan Village and is subject to a pre-paid lease, which will expire on December 18, 2044. Property is partially developed, but with no permanent structures.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **September 10, 2010**, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

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/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Margarito denied license to fight in California

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP SPORTS WRITER



Former welter-weight champion Antonio Margarito was denied a license to fight in California on Wednesday, leaving a significant hurdle in the way of a proposed bout against Manny Pacquiao. Margarito was suspended for at least a year after an illegal, plaster-like substance was found in his hand wraps before a January 2009 bout against Shane Mosley at Staples Center in Los Angeles. Margarito's hands were rewrapped and he lost the WBA title fight.

The state athletic commission voted 5-1 to deny Margarito a license after a 5 1/2-hour hearing Wednesday in Los Angeles, where Margarito testified that he knew nothing about the illegal wraps and blamed his trainer Javier Capetillo, whom he fired. Capetillo was also suspended.

"There is a concept in busi-

ness that you can delegate authority but not responsibility," Commissioner Steve Alexander said near the end of the hearing. "I hope that the message that goes out here is that the commission operates fairly, openly and transparently.

"Public protection is at the heart and soul of this commission," Alexander said. "Period." Promotional company Top Rank has been hoping to pair Margarito against Pacquiao on Nov. 13, either in Las Vegas or at Cowboys Stadium near Dallas. But his application to fight in Nevada last month was tabled pending a decision in California, and it's unclear whether the commission in Texas is willing to grant Margarito a license.

Decisions handed down by one state athletic commission are often upheld by others, although they are under no obligation to do so. The ruling also does not apply outside the U.S. Top Rank chief Bob Arum was not available to comment on the decision. A spokesman for the

company referred questions to attorney Daniel Petrocelli, who is representing Margarito.

"You're not dealing with someone who is a so-called repeat offender," Petrocelli told The Associated Press. "You're dealing with someone who was found guilty for the first time.

"Prior to the events of last year, Mr. Margarito had fought 42 fights, including 15 title bouts, and prior to last year he had a spotless disciplinary record, he was never accused of cheating," Petrocelli added. "He had an exemplary reputation in the boxing world."

Petrocelli said Top Rank and Margarito plan to discuss his options on Thursday.

Margarito could have fought in Mexico, where he now lives, during the yearlong period that his licensed was revoked. Instead, he chose to honor the California commission's decision and stay out of the ring in hopes that it would curry favor when he applied for a license.

He finally returned on May 8,

about 16 months after his fight against Mosley, and moved up to junior middleweight to win a decision over Roberto Garcia in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

"I am here to make an apology not only to the commission, but to the entire world for not knowing what was in those wrappings," Margarito said during the hearing Wednesday, speaking in Spanish through a translator. "I think that anything that is placed in the wrap that isn't legal is cheating, and is an unfair advantage."

State attorney Karen Chappelle disputed that Margarito wasn't aware of the illegal wraps.

"A boxer like Mr. Margarito makes his living with his fists," Chappelle said. "He knows what is in the wrappings that go on his fists.

"Think about what would have happened if those illegal handwraps had not been discovered before he stepped into the ring with Shane Mosley that night," Chappelle said. "Mosley could have been presented with a danger of severe magnitude."

with host Turkey, Africa's Cote D'Ivoire, Tunisia and Angola, Asia's Iran, China, and Jordan, Oceania's New Zealand and Australia, Americas' Brazil, Argentina, Canada, and Puerto Rico Puerto Rico, and Europe's Spain, France, Serbia, Greece, Slovenia, and Croatia. Wild cards were drawn for Russia, Lebanon, Lithuania, and Germany.

closed the inning with a fly out.

The CNMI trailed, 4-14, and needed a run to avoid the 10-run mercy rule going into the bottom half. They managed to load the bases with one out, but could not ignite a rally this time around. Richard Dela Cruz hit a one-out single and Ricardo Dela Cruz drew a walk. Ngeskebei hit a single to load the bases, but the next two CNMI batters popped out.

Notably, even though only one CNMI batter struck out in the whole game, the team still showed signs of struggle at the plate. U.S. Central manufactured 18 hits with nine RBIs in the contest compared to the CNMI's eight hits and three RBIs. The CNMI also only managed 10 base runners all game, six of which were left stranded.

at the Hard Rock Café on Aug. 27, 6pm.

Tickets for "Armageddon" cost \$45 for VIP and \$35 for general admission and are on sale right now at Borderline and The Set. Bud Light, IT&E, Power 99, Boarderline, The Set, Konflikt MMA Clothing, OTM Fight Shop, Hertz, Aquarius Beach Tower, and Sketchers sponsor the event.

The doors of Royal Taga Hall will open exactly 6pm on fight night.

For more information, contact GWMMA co-promoter Jeff Boyer at 287-0647.

August tourney set Sunday



The Fil-Taga Golf Association will hold its August Ace of the Month Tournament Sunday, Aug. 22, at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

According to tournament director Ted Malaran, check-in time for the weekend event is 12am with tee time set 30 minutes later at 12:30am at the Kagman golf venue.

Established in 1993, Fil-

Taga's tournaments operate under a computer-controlled handicap system that creates parity among players in the A and B Flights.

A Fil-Taga Ace of the Month champion is crowned monthly. Regular tournaments are scheduled once a month, normally every third Sunday. Green fees are in the \$35 to \$40 price range for most tournaments. *(Saipan Tribune)*

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It's difficult for me to relate all of the things that I was most impressed with but please allow me to try a few.

I'll start with the most startling, for me anyway, which was traffic control. Those men in blue who were in the streets directing heavy traffic were the most professional, efficient and sharp that I have personally seen. They should export that expertise by training others elsewhere. The classy way they waved batons and blew whistles and kept the traffic flowing smoothly was worthy of a gold medal.

For your information, downtown Koror used to have a couple of traffic lights but took them down to *improve traffic flow*. And guess what? That's what happened there.

Another striking observation came from watching fans in the stands at the various venues. The people of Palau, although obviously supporting their own athletes, were a model of decorum and proper behavior, applauding the accomplishments of whoever did well, no matter what island they had come from. They were there to see higher level of competition and that's what they enjoyed most.

The extensive broadcasting of the events on television and radio was also quite impressive. Wherever one went outside the games, in restaurants, bars, and homes, people were watching and listening to various sports from morning to evening.



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Baltimore	42	79	.347	32 1/2

Central Division

Minnesota	70	50	.583	—
Chicago	65	55	.542	5
Detroit	58	62	.483	12
Kansas City	51	69	.425	19
Cleveland	49	71	.408	21

West Division

Texas	67	52	.563	—
Los Angeles	60	61	.496	8
Oakland	59	60	.496	8
Seattle	48	73	.397	20

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	71	49	.592	—
Philadelphia	68	51	.571	2 1/2
New York	60	60	.500	11
Florida	59	60	.496	11 1/2
Washington	51	69	.425	20

Central Division

Cincinnati	69	51	.575	—
St. Louis	65	53	.551	3
Milwaukee	57	64	.471	12 1/2
Houston	52	67	.437	16 1/2
Chicago	50	71	.413	19 1/2
Pittsburgh	40	80	.333	29

West Division

San Diego	72	47	.605	—
San Francisco	67	54	.554	6
Colorado	62	57	.521	10
Los Angeles	61	60	.504	12
Arizona	47	74	.388	26

Yesterday's Games

Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2
San Diego 5, Chicago Cubs 1
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 2
Philadelphia 8, San Francisco 2
Atlanta 3, Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 3, Houston 2, 14 innings
Cincinnati 11, Arizona 7
Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 2, 10 innings
Tampa Bay 8, Texas 6
Oakland 5, Toronto 4
N.Y. Yankees 9, Detroit 5
Seattle 6, Baltimore 5
Boston 7, L.A. Angels 5
Minnesota 7, Chicago White Sox 6
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 7

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CNMI

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Cudia, Castillo, and Diaz went through a selection process to earn the trip to Turkey. They were asked to submit credentials and a brief essay detailing how are they going to make use of the trip to help develop

SENIOR

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CNMI could escape the inning.

Trailing, 0-9, going into their first at bat, the CNMI failed to answer and went 1-2-3 at the dish.

In the top of the second, U.S. Central added two more runs to their lead.

Guerrero stayed on the mound and gave up another lead off single. The next batter reached off an error and the third batter hit an RBI double.

After the double, Guerrero found his first strike out, but was then relieved by Harry Nakamura.

Nakamura gave up an RBI single to his first batter, but then managed a double play ball to help get the CNMI close out the inning.

MANGLONA

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"Sticks" Castro vs. Lionel "The Hellion" Borja from Marianas Elite in a 190-lb light heavyweight brawl.

Then Team Haga's Niel "Lion Heart" Taisacan, meanwhile, is set to take on Swain "The Pain" Cangco in a 195-lb light heavyweight bout.

"Kill" Bill Saures of Team XXtreme will be back in the ring after his recent loss in Singapore to face Martin "Ning" Cepeda out of Preda-

basketball in the CNMI.

Besides playing for the G-Stars, Cudia also suited up for Hopwood Junior High School's cage team. Castillo also plays for Hopwood and was a member of the CNMI Women's National Team that won the silver medal in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau early this month.

Diaz is a long-time youth

In the bottom half, the CNMI still could not answer and went 1-2-3.

Ahead, 11-0, going into the third inning, U.S. Central then added three more runs.

Nakamura gave up a lead off single, a walk, and an RBI single. He then recorded his first strike-out of the game, but allowed a runner to score off a wild pitch during the at bat. The CNMI managed a ground out, but another U.S. Central runner scored off a wild pitch before the CNMI could close the inning.

In the bottom half, the CNMI managed a couple of runners off two hits, but still could not get any real offense started.

In the top of the fourth, Nakamura allowed a couple of hits, but prevented any more runs from the U.S. Central squad.

In the bottom half, CNMI

tor Combat Team in another 195-lb light heavyweight bout and "Bad" Brad Palacios looks to improve his 7-3 card before his upcoming PXC debut in Guam, in a 145-lb featherweight match against Derrick "Pinchy" Rangamar from Marianas Elite.

Moreover, before the semi-main card, there will be three Saipan vs. Tinian preliminary bouts to kick off the night.

Saipan's Sonny Pua from Team Zalaka will debut against first-time fighter Scott Santos of Tinian in a 155-lb lightweight match.

coach, handling the Rollers Basketball Club. Besides coaching Rollers in local leagues, Diaz also brings his players to competitions in Guam and Tinian.

While in Turkey, Diaz and company will get a chance to see famous players, like those from the U.S. Team.

The U.S. qualified for the World Championships, along

found some life in their bats with four hits and a couple of errors.

Second batter Ricardo Dela Cruz reached off an error with one out. Then Marvin Ngeskebei singled and Nakamura brought them home with a two-RBI double. Zachary Aldan kept it going with a single that put runners on the corners.

A foul out later Diego Camacho drove in Nakamura with an RBI single and Leonard Sablan reached off an error that allowed Aldan to score, but during the next at bat, Camacho got picked off at second to abruptly end the inning.

To start the fifth, Nakamura gave up a walk and a single. The third batter hit a single, but the CNMI gunned down the lead runner at home for the first out. Nakamura then picked off a runner at first before CNMI

Then Saipan's Jess Santos from Predator Combat Team will be pitted against Tinian's Manny "The Doctor" Cepeda in a 145-lb featherweight bout.

The final preliminary brawl will feature Saipan's Frank Demapan from Predator Combat Team challenging Tinian's Peter Taitano in a 130-lb bantamweight match. Demapan holds an MMA record of 1-1 and Taitano looks to make it two in a row.

Weigh-ins setfor Aug. 27

"Armageddon" weigh-ins and rules orientation will take place

Two blowout wins in Emon Lodge caging

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Armatech and MBI-Right Guard posted lopsided wins against separate foes during last Sunday's games in the Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Armatech played in the fourth game of the day and whipped Marianas Resort, 88-50.

Four players scored in double figures for Armatech, which gained its sixth win in as many matches.

Bruce Berline had 18 points for Armatech, White Capalad chipped in 17, and Sam Fernandez and Badong Camacho added 12 apiece.

Arnold Crisostimo paced Marianas Resort with 18 markers.

Armatech limited Marianas Resort to eight points in the first quarter to take early control of the game and never looked back from thereon.

MBI 114, Wings Travel 94

In a high-scoring game, MBI-Right Guard outgunned Wings Travel, 114-94.

MBI, which led by 12 at the break, 53-41, blew the game wide open in the third period, taking a 90-61 advantage.

Pete Iguel, Ivan De Vero, and George Barbo nailed 20-plus points for MBI with the former exploding for 29 points. De Vero contributed 26, while Barbo had 21.

Ron Gamboa and James Camacho led Wings Travel's losing cause, drilling 21 markers each.



MARK RABAGO
Marvin Rabauliman, seen here in a file photo, scored 18 markers in Mobil's 90-83 victory over Oches in the Emon Lodge 179 Freemasonry Inter-Color Basketball League last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Marianas Wireless 74, Sparks 70

In the third game of the day, Marianas Wireless edged the Sparks, 74-70.

Jeremy Tamayo made only eight points for Marianas Wireless, but logged four of the team's last seven points in the home stretch to beat the Sparks.

Kae Bernardo top-scored for Marianas Wireless with 20 points, while Sonny Lerio and Jun Pantaleon added 14 and 11, respectively.

Mobil 90, Oches 83

In the second game, Mobil foiled Oches' repeated comeback bids to eke out a 90-83 triumph.

Mobil had six players scoring in double figures with Marvin Rabauliman leading the way with 18 markers. Jun Estolas

chipped in 17, Leo Factor tallied 15, Jomary Tumaquip posted 15, and Kevin Fitial and Gyles Ruluked recorded 11 and 10, respectively, in the team's balance offense.

J.R. Barrios paced Oches with 25 points, but he had only Pedro Lizama helping him out on offense.

Meanwhile, Joeten Superstore won by forfeiture against Tropical Laundry in the first game.

Second Game

Mobil 90 – Rabauliman 18, Estolas 17, Factor 15, Tumaquip 13, Fitial 11, Ruluked 10, Moises 2.

Oches 83 – Barrios 25, Lizama 17, Abedes 9, Santos 9, Paraiso 7, Mina 6, Sison 4.

Scoring by quarters: 21-16, 42-39, 65-58, 90-83.

Third Game

Marianas Wireless 74 – Bernardo 20, Lerio 14, Pantaleon 11, Aquino 10, Tamayo 8, Demapan 7, Abuel 2, Jugos 2.

Sparks 70 – Z. Babauta 20, Hossain 16, T. Santos 15, Manglona 6, A. Santos 5, R. Babauta 3, E. Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-17, 39-34, 53-52, 74-70.

Fourth Game

Armatech 88 – Berline 18, W. Capalad 17, Camacho 12, Fernandez 12, Gabaldon 9, Talania 6, M. Capalad 2, Esdrelon 2.

Marianas Resort 50 – Crisostimo 18, Kapileo 12, Reyes 11, Memban 2, Palacios 2.

Scoring by quarters: 28-8, 44-27, 69-44, 88-50.

Fifth Game

MBI 114 – Iguel 29, De Vero 26, G. Barbo 21, Rebuyon 15, Muleta 13, Trajano 6, Cordero 4.

Wings Travel 94 – Gamboa 21, Camacho 21, Dayrit 15, Abuan 8, Z. Diaz 8, Olivios 3.

Scoring by quarters: 25-22, 53-41, 90-61, 114-94.

SSC hosts clinic for two months



Individuals interested to learn the basics of swimming still have more than a month to do so, as Saipan Swim Club's series of lessons will be extended until September.

For beginners and members of the white team, SSC has started the lessons last Monday and they will run until the end of this month.

Sessions for August are held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 5:30pm to 6:15pm at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi. Additional lessons will also be held every Saturday, as requested by a lot of interested participants, and sessions will run from 8am to 9:30am.

Entrance fee for twice-a-week lessons is only \$15 (per week), while participants practicing three times a week will only pay \$18 (per week). Swimmers joining three or more sessions per week will only pay \$25 (per week).

The same schedule will be followed for the September sessions, but there will be some changes in the entrance fees.

For students swimming twice a week, the fee for the whole month is only \$30; for three times



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Saipan Swim Club senior swimmers and Palau Micronesia Games veterans Grace Kimball and Michael Moran hold the SSC banner while posing with participants of the club's swim lessons last month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

a week session, the entrance fee for the whole month is \$35; and for more than three times a week session, the fee is \$50.

"SSC would like to thank all swimmers and their parents for their trust and support. We will continue to serve you to the full extent of our experience and professional abilities," Lisa Kimball said.

SSC resumed its series of lessons only last Monday, as its swimmers and coaches just returned from Palau after competing in the 7th Micronesia Games.

SSC sent eight swimmers in

Palau with coach Junior Pamaran, Michael Moran, Andrew and Grace Kimball, and Victoria Chentsova competing in relay and individual races at the Palau National Swimming Pool in Meyuns. Coaches Mike Villagomez and Tamiko Winkfield joined the young swimmers in relay races. Lisa Kimball was also part of the swimming delegation, serving as head timer in the competition.

To register for the swim lessons or for more information, contact Lisa Kimball at coach@saipanswimclub.com (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

QQ Car Rental caging set for Aug. 28

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In preparation for the QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup's Aug. 28 start-up, event organizers Rey Perez and Marlon Sison presided over the official teams' meeting that took place last Tuesday night at the Hard Rock Café and went over the ground rules of the event in addition to finalizing all of the participating teams' lineups.

According to Perez, QQ Car Rental Owner James Hann was happy to announce the outcome of the meeting and excited to attend the 5:30pm opening parade at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium, where a variety of VIP guests, including Mayor Donald Flores, will be present.

"The opening show is set to feature a dance number by Project Impact, a song number and awards will be presented for the Best Uniform and Best Muse categories, with

the winners to receive a trophy along with a \$100 cash prize," said Perez.

As of today, 10 teams have already submitted and paid for their official rosters.

The teams include Team Ferrera Builders, IT&E, Pacific Grocers, Saimar Pilot, Mobil, Raffy's Diner, the Westerners, Atalig & Atalig Associates, Wings Travel,

and Cellular Pro. Notably, Ol-Aces and Team Buraot are currently on the waiting list.

The QQCR Cup is formatted to have single-round robin eliminations and the top seeded team will win an automatic bid into the tournament semifinals.

Basketball Clinic

In addition, QQCR officials

will conduct an informational basketball clinic headed by Ray Lizama for all teams at the Ada Gym this Saturday, Aug. 21, 5pm. All players are encouraged to attend the clinic where basketball safety and proper conduct will be introduced and instructed.

For more information, contact Perez at 989-8759.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Participating team representatives pose for a photo with league officials during the QQ Car Rental basketball Cup's official teams' meeting last Tuesday night at the Hard Rock Café.

Masayas tops USSP customer appreciation 8-ball qualifier



Nizer Masayas stormed back through the loser's bracket Tuesday to win

the 10th slot in the qualifier for USS Peleliu Club's Customer Appreciation 8-Ball Tournament.

There is no entry fee for the tournaments, held to fill the 16-player bracket for the Labor Day final and its \$100 first prize. The bracket will be filled out with two people who did not win but scored the most points in qualifying rounds.

Masayas joins previous winners Joe Asanuma, Mei Renguil, Dean Santos, Rick Renguil, Patrick Taitano, Taylor Watanabe, Simeon Kapileo, Leonard Sablan and Erina Olkeriil. Arnel Orbita and Ron Chisato currently hold the points lead.

You might say Masayas did it with one hand, since his bridge hand was heavily bandaged. He outlasted Murphy Namelo but was dropped into the loser's bracket by Chisato. Once there he eliminated John Mongami, Annie Tesiro, and Chisato in a rematch. He took down Orbita in two games for the championship.

Qualifying tournaments are held on Sundays and Thursdays. Sign-up begins at 7:30pm. There is no charge.

Opponents are chosen by blind draw for the double elimination tournament. Play follows Billiard Congress of America rules.

The Sept. 5 winner will win \$100, with \$50 for second place.

For more information, please call Rose or Ken Phillips at 233-1984. (USSP)

Baseball and basketball at 7th Micronesian Games

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The CNMI's Jericho Cruz drives against two Pohnpei players during their pool play game in the basketball competition of the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Gymnasium early this month.



The CNMI's Justin Alexander makes a practice swing before stepping up to the plate during their gold medal game against Palau at the Asahi Ball Field.



CNMI and Palau players exchange hi-fives after their gold medal game.



The CNMI's Jenequa Benavente, center, battles a Palau player for the loose ball.



The CNMI's Franco Flores prepares to deliver a pitch to a Palau batter.



The CNMI's Connie Camacho goes up for a shot against a Guam defender.



The CNMI's Ira Palero fakes off the defense of a Chuuk player.



CNMI relief pitcher Joshua Jones looks at Manny Sablan's hand signal before making a pitch against Palau.



The CNMI's Dan Barcinas, center, and two Palau players chase the ball.



The CNMI's Yvonne Bennett in action against a Guam defender during the gold medal game in the women's basketball competition.



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CNMI represented in world basketball camp

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The CNMI's involvement in world basketball continues, as two youth players and a coach will be going to Turkey next week to participate in the Children of the World Basketball Camp.

The camp, which will run from Aug. 24 to 31 at the Darusafaka Campus in Istanbul, will coincide with the staging of the 2010 FIBA World Championships.

Representing the CNMI to the camp are players Ed Cudia and Jeraldine Castillo and coach Joe Diaz. The three will be among the more than 400 campers from 212 FIBA member-nations who will attend the event. Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands secretary general Michael White will join the three in Turkey.

BANMI, through White, held a brief send-off ceremony for the CNMI representatives to the camp yesterday in Susupe, but unfortunately only Cudia managed to attend the event.

"I am really proud to represent the CNMI at the camp. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a young player like me and I would not take this for granted. I will do my best to learn the things that will be thought at the camp



Ed Cudia, seen here holding the CNMI flag and posing with his mother Armie at Saipan Tribune's office yesterday, will be attending the FIBA Children of the World Basketball Camp in Istanbul, Turkey next week.

and when I get back, I will share these to other youth players," the 14-year-old Cudia said.

The 5'9" G-Stars player added he is looking forward to meeting other youth cagers from around the world and he hopes to play better basketball when he returns to Saipan.

FIBA World and the Turkey Basketball Federation will be hosting the camp. The eight-day camp will include coaching clinics led by coaches from the U.S., 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, teamwork and group activities, and cultural programs.

"We're very excited for Ed, as we know this is a rare experience for him. We hope that he will learn new skills in the sport he loves the most," said Ed's mother, Armie, who accompanied his son in the send-off ceremony yesterday at White's law office.

For his part, White said having three CNMI representatives to the camp will be beneficial to the development of basketball in the Commonwealth.

"We are very proud that we're able to send two campers and a coach to the camp. It is important for the development of basketball in the CNMI that we stay in touch with the rest of the world," White said.

"We hope our campers will have a great time in Turkey and bring back what they will learn from the camp by passing on the skills and knowledge they will gain there," the BANMI secretary general added.

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Manglona title defense set in 'Armageddon'

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For its inaugural event of the year, Gorilla Warfare Mixed Martial Arts will hold "Armageddon" at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort on Aug. 28.

The main event of the night features GW MMA middleweight champion Keli "Rukiz" Manglona making his first title defense in a 180-lb bout against a soon-to-be announced opponent.

Another fight on the card features Trench Tech's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan against Guam's Alex "Most Hated" Castro from Guahan Top Team in a 155-lb lightweight bout.

Sablan is coming off a recent loss in Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible and will be looking to bounce back and improve his win-loss record to 16-5.

In a Saipan vs. Saipan pairing, Marianas Elite's Leeroy Sablan (4-3) is set to take on Nate "The Terrible" Flores (4-1) from Predator Combat Team in another 155-lb lightweight bout.

Prior to the main event bouts, four Saipan vs. Saipan matches are listed on the semi-main card starting with Predator Combat Team's Edwin

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Senior All-Stars run-ruled by US Central, 4-14

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The CNMI Little League Senior All-Stars fell to the U.S. Central representative team from Holmes County, Ohio, 4-14, in five innings yesterday in Bangor, Maine and are now out of the running for a semifinals berth in the Little League World Series.

The Commonwealth sluggers will finish out their game schedule against the last place U.S. Southeast represen-

tative team from Palm Bay, Florida today at 1pm as both squads are looking to at least finish with one win.

Manhattan Beach, California; San Nicolas, Aruba; and Holmes County, Ohio are all still in the race. Pool B frontrunner California has a 3-0 win-loss record with 18 runs and a game to go. Aruba is currently in second place at 3-1 with 35 runs. Ohio has a pair of wins and a loss with 27 runs and is still very much in the running.

Ohio and California are set to play today at 10am (eastern standard time). If California wins they are in at first place going into the semifinals and will bring Aruba with them by default. If Ohio scores eight runs in a win today, they will advance to the semifinals as the first place qualifier in pool B, otherwise they enter the semis as the second place qualifier.

CNMI ran into a wall in the very first inning yesterday as U.S. Central scored nine runs off eight hits and two errors.

Nate Guerrero started on the mound for home team CNMI and gave up three singles right away. A throwing error during the second base hit allowed the lead off runner to score and the second runner on third. The clean up batter came next and drove him home. Guerrero walked the fourth batter and his next man reached off an error that allowed another run to the plate.

With runners on second and third, Guerrero managed the CNMI's first out, but the lead runner still crossed the plate. He then gave up a RBI single, and then another base hit followed by an RBI double. Guerrero gave up a two-RBI single, a walk, and another single followed by a sacrifice fly before

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Marvin Ngeskebei, seen here in a file photo, batted 2-for-2 with a run and a base on balls in the CNMI Senior League All-Stars' 4-14 loss to U.S. Central in the 2010 World Series yesterday in Bangor, Maine.

WALTER SUTHERLAND

Alii, sports fans

The 2010 Micronesian Games provided more than a thousand athletes and a whole nation memories to last a lifetime. Kudos to the Palau National Olympic Committee, its chairman Frank Kyota, Palau President Johnson Toribiong, and all the people there who did a fabulous job putting everything together.

I assume stopping the rain was beyond their power. Oh well, maybe that was just to get us ready for the 2014 Games in Pohnpei,

one of the rainiest places on earth.

For 10 days the Micronesian Games brought out the best in our young, and not so young, athletes. It is truly the Olympics for our region. Although I have never been to the Olympics, it's hard to imagine a more friendly exhibition of sportsmanship than what I witnessed in Koror. I didn't meet anyone who did not enjoy the spectacle.

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OFF THE BENCH

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